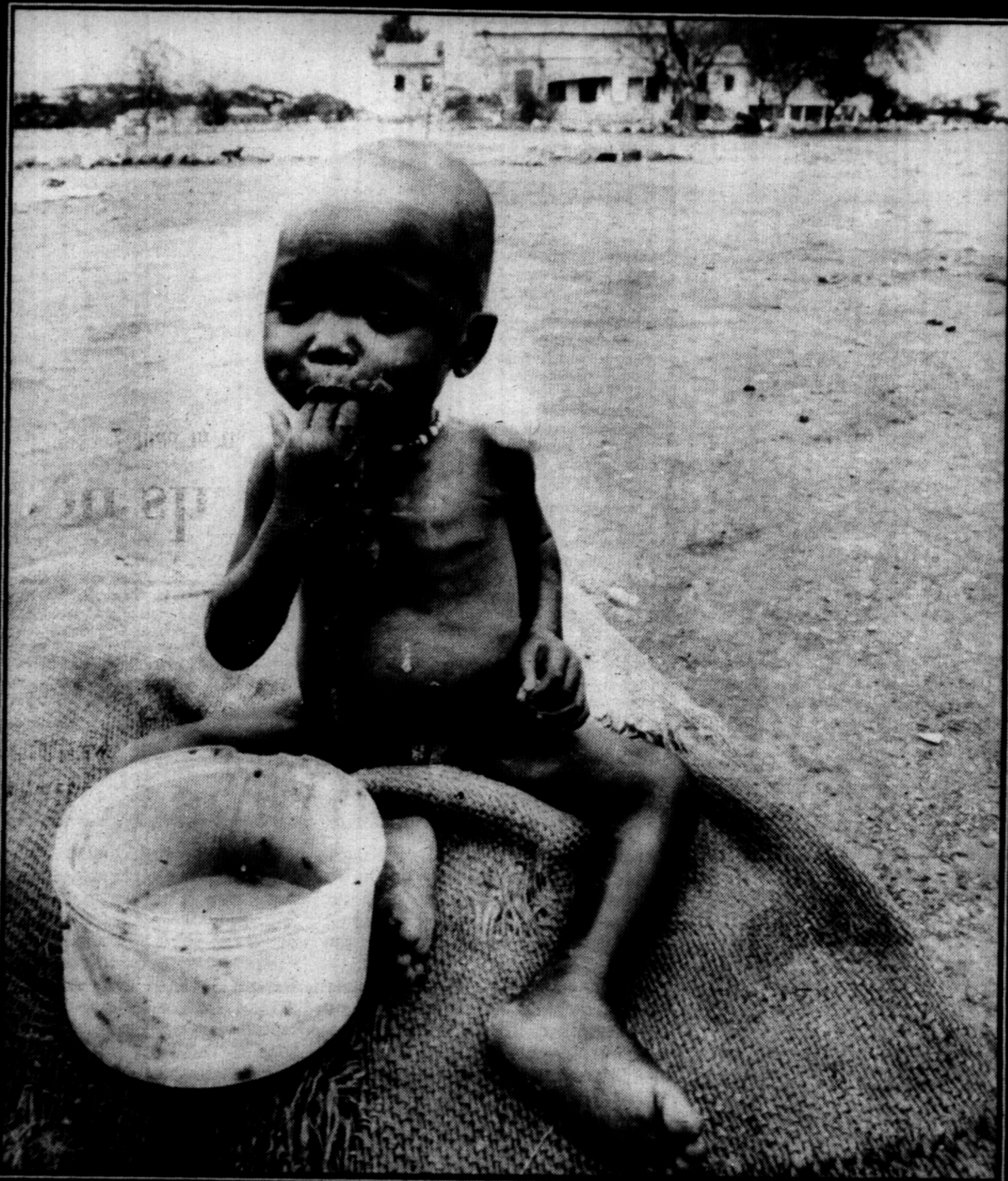


'You shall open wide your hand'

(Deuteronomy 15:11, RSV)



**Observe World Hunger Day
October 13, 1991**

Sponsored by the Christian Life Commission
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"You shall open wide your hand"

Two realities collide in the war against hunger. One is fatigue; the other is the witness of Scripture.

Compassion burnout or hunger fatigue is a common problem which human beings face in the daily battle to feed the hungry and to help the hungry feed themselves.

Christian foot soldiers in the war on hunger often become discouraged. Some have been involved literally at every level; others have worked in only one kind of anti-hunger effort. Through soup kitchens, night shelters, home-building projects, letter-writing campaigns, and monthly contributions, many Christians have faithfully sought to care for the hungry at home and abroad.

These Christians have done so much; they know so much more needs to be done. Sometimes their involvement wanes. They stop giving to support the hunger ministries of the Foreign and Home Mission boards. They drop out of mission action pro-

jects. They simply want the hungry to go away.

The second reality is the Bible's crystal-clear message that the people of God are to care for the hungry. The Old Testament makes this point with the anti-hunger strategies known as the law of gleaning (Lev. 19:9-10, Deut. 24:19-21, and Ruth 2:2-23) and the sabbatical year (Deut. 15:1-18). The New Testament highlights both inter-church (Acts 11:27-30, Gal. 2:10, Rom. 15:22-33) and intrachurch (Acts 2:44-45 and 6:1-7) hunger ministries.

Nowhere, however, is the message more unmistakable than in the words of Jesus.

Moving through the countryside, Jesus attracted large crowds among whom were many poor and handicapped (Matt. 15:30). The inability of these people to feed themselves bothered the disciples. The disciples even went to Jesus to persuade him to send them away. "Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get pro-

visions," they urged.

Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples claimed they had too few resources for such a large crowd. Jesus ignored their arguments. He wanted the people fed (Lk. 9:10-17).

His statement is a reminder of another in the Old Testament, "You shall open wide your hand" (Deut. 15:11).

We, too, live in a hungry world. We, too, may see the needs as too great and our resources as too few. We grow tired of the task. But like the early disciples, we know that the biblical imperative requires that we find ways to feed the hungry and to help the hungry feed themselves.

Let us renew our commitment to be faithful to the witness of Scripture on World Hunger Day. Let us observe World Hunger Day in our churches. Let us make a world of difference in a hungry world!

(Prepared by the staff of Christian Life Commission, SBC)

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Seminary by satellite hits across America

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — All systems are go for a Seminary By Satellite program launched this fall at Southwestern Seminary, according to the creator of the space age plan.

"We're really excited about the whole idea of a seminary class offered by satellite. It makes seminary education accessible to people from a wide range of backgrounds and innumerable places," said David Fite, director of continuing education at Southwestern.

The first class was beamed via satellite from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth Sept. 9, with 130 students enrolled. Those students are in classrooms in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Odessa, Texas, and Shawnee and Tulsa, Okla. Other people are auditing the class from as far away as West Virginia and South Carolina.

One person called for satellite link-up instructions from Little Rock, Ark. He said 19 people are meeting there for the class. And while viewers like those are not enrolled in the class, they are able to view the class without charge, Fite said.

"In each off-campus classroom, there is a teaching assistant to help students call in and ask questions," Fite said. "To take the course for academic credit, a person must be in one of the classroom locations and be enrolled in Southwestern."

However, anyone able to link-up with the Weststar IV satellite, Transponder 14, can view the class without charge. The lectures are copyrighted and are not to be duplicated without the written permission of Southwestern Seminary, according to Fite.

Students enrolled in the class for seminary credit are able to communicate with the professor in Fort Worth by way of a telephone hookup at each location where the transmission is being received.

According to Fite, the transmission, which originates at Southwestern, is sent live to the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, which uplinks the class to a satellite.

William Tolar, vice president for

academic affairs, provost, and professor of biblical backgrounds at Southwestern, is lecturing for the fall semester on the "Graeco-Roman World — The World of the New Testament."

"I feel good about the first sessions," Tolar said. "I wanted to be informal and have the students relax. I told the students through the satellite classes to imagine that they were on the back row of my class and I would imagine that they were there with us. This helped psychologically while having to adjust to looking at the cameras and students."

And while "Seminary By Satellite" offers easy access to seminary education, neither Tolar nor Fite said he thinks the classes will alter the traditional classroom approach.

"It will not replace the campus setting," Tolar said, "simply because the more reflective and interactive courses will still need to be on the campus where there can be more interaction within the academic environment. The satellite classes will supplement and complement the classes that are on campus."

Another future aspect of the classes is increased cooperation between the six Southern Baptist seminaries. A class at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., currently is participating in Tolar's lectures.

Interest in the satellite class has come in from several states and even northern Mexico, Fite said.

Fall classes are offered on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Nov. 25.

Registration is in progress for the spring session featuring John Newport, retired vice president for academic affairs and provost and distinguished professor of philosophy of religion, emeritus. Newport will teach the class "Satanism, Occult & the New Age Movement" beginning Jan. 13.

More information is available by contacting David Fite, Office of Continuing Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas, 76122, (817) 923-1921 ext. 2440.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

Support
with Prayer

Why should your church observe Cooperative Program Month and participate in the One for All event?

- Because it is a time to study some significant achievements provided through the Cooperative Program system of mission support.
- Because it is a time to review the way Southern Baptist churches share in sending the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth by jointly supporting about 8,000 home and foreign missionaries. Through this method local congregations teach, preach, reach, heal, and minister in the name of Jesus Christ in over 120 countries and the 50 United States of America.
- Because it is a time for Southern Baptists to give quality effort to involving, informing, and inspiring church members relative to their main channel of mission support.
- Because it is a time to renew our commitment to the Great Commission as expressed through working together with others to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.

So, take the lead in your church to enhance the spirit of cooperation by:

- asking the proper person/persons (pastor, church

council, missions organization leaders, stewardship committee members) to make this year's Cooperative Program Month and the One for All event the most effective missions emphasis in the history of your church.

- praying continually for ministries and missionaries supported through your Cooperative Program giving.
- recommending the use of a special study of the Cooperative Program by your church.
- becoming bold in talking about the mission strides Southern Baptists have made by working together through the Cooperative Program.
- asking your church to increase its percentage of giving through the Cooperative Program each year until 2000.
- participating personally in Christian giving and the planned activities of Cooperative Program Month in your church.

As you and your church engage in the Southern Baptist spirit of cooperation, you will be partners with our Lord Jesus Christ in his global enterprise.

— James Austin



Percentage Distribution—SBC Cooperative Program

State CP gifts
are up 1.46%

Gifts through the Cooperative Program from churches in Mississippi totaled \$1,378,712 for September, according to an announcement from Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Comparably, September gifts in 1990 were \$1,257,568.

Total 1991 gifts are \$15,333,909. For the same period of 1990, gifts totaled \$15,112,818, an increase of \$221,092, or 1.46%.

The pro rata amount for the first

nine months of 1991 would be \$15,712,472. This means that Mississippi Baptists' gifts are running slightly behind their expected proportional amount so far this year by \$378,563, or 2.41%.

The 1991 Cooperative Program budget is \$20,949,962. A total of 73.19% of the budget has been given.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program go toward church leader training, home and foreign missions, Christian education, and childcare.

A little closer,
Prez

Rob Nash, MK friend of Manila days, writes of an interesting event clipped from the bulletin of the Plains, Ga., Maranatha Baptist Church. The church has a volunteer committee each week to cut the grass and pick up the beer cans and other trash in front of the church.

Among the picker-uppers listed for the week of April 14 were Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter. Nash expressed his amazement and then editorialized that no matter who we are, we need not think any task of the church below us. I like that . . . and Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. — GH

Cooperative
Program
Month,
OCTOBER

In 1925 Southern Baptists began a financial plan which has allowed us to work together and at the same time retain our local church autonomy. It is the Cooperative Program, the primary channel of financial support for approximately eight thousand home and foreign missionaries and thousands of mission ministries.

The Cooperative Program enables Southern Baptist churches to present a combined strength unparalleled in the history of missionary organizations. This is a more effective, efficient, and equitable method than individual churches can employ. Through the Cooperative Program a church located in an unpopulated area is as much a part of the



world mission enterprise as the largest metropolitan-based congregation.

As a missionary denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention is a dreaming giant. Since 1976, the year Bold Mission Thrust was adopted, we have been envisioning ten thousand career home and foreign missionaries, reaching the world with the gospel by the year 2000. To move us along toward our goal, we are today being challenged again to make bold new

commitment to Cooperative Program giving through a project for 1990-95 called ONE for ALL.

OCTOBER, COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH is a time for us to create a greater awareness of mission needs, to celebrate the accomplishments of cooperation, and to recommit to providing a worthy percentage of undesignated gifts for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Please, no dress code

Who is to say what another person should wear? Why do we dress like we do, anyhow? Assuredly whoever put neck ties on men and high heels on women did not do a favor for the human race.

Culture and peer pressure largely determine what we wear. Like you don't show up with a tux on at an outdoor barbecue, nor wear your grubbies to the governor's inauguration. Then again, some people could wear a feed sack and look good, while others of us could wreck a Christian Dior special.

What we should wear when we come before the Lord in worship may vary from generation to generation. Moses was told to take off his shoes and again to cover his face. The message is that God is holy and you come before him in reverent fear. What is acceptable or not acceptable to our culture usually determines this.

Apparently there is also a difference in high worship (Sunday morning) and other worship (Sunday night). Perhaps formal and informal would be a better choice of words. People will wear clothes to Sunday night services that would be totally unacceptable on Sunday morning. Blue jeans, cut-offs, unravelling shorts, shorts, shorter shorts, polo shirts, T-shirts, rompers, pajama tops, wrap-arounds, fertilizer sacks — just name it and someone will wear it to church on Sunday night.

To embellish this you have the walking billboards with a message or an advertisement: "Panama Jack";

"You got the right one, baby"; "This is your brain, any questions"; "The real thing"; "I survived Gladstone High School"; a big balloon and "Hot air gives you a lift."

Presently in Baltimore there is a federal lawsuit concerning a high school senior whose free-speech rights were said to be violated when they barred him from wearing a pro-life T-shirt to school.

Now don't read me wrong. I'm not opposed to writing on your clothes. Fact is, my father and most of the boys grew up with writing on our shirts. Usually, it said 4-8-4 or 5-10-5 in a good year.

Also, we ought to be more concerned with getting people to church, not how they look after they get there. Even at their worst, they look better than those wrapped up in their self-righteousness. People coming to church right off the street do not understand the "norm" for church dress. I doubt John the Baptist would have made it to the choir.

Still there is that nagging suspicion that we ought to present ourselves before the Lord in our best clothes. There is little virtue in seeing how ragged you can dress ere someone blows the whistle. No dress codes, please, but just a reminder that the rest of us have to look at you.

Like the frozen church lady said, "Why is it that those with the coats on always set the thermostat?" And why is it those with nothing worth showing are always crying for a dress code? — GH

MISSIONARY TO COLOMBIA DIES OF LEUKEMIA: HOUSTON (BP) — Virginia Fraser, a Southern Baptist missionary to Colombia, died Sept. 30 in Houston. Fraser, 67, had been battling leukemia since 1987. She taught English as a second language at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia, for eight years. While undergoing chemotherapy treatments, she continued a full teaching schedule, said fellow missionary Mildred Verbeck, Fraser's roommate for 39 years.

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Wm. Carey names new school for Owen and Elizabeth Cooper

By Tim Nicholas

It was a day of memories for friends of Owen and Elizabeth Cooper. And it was a day of celebration in the naming of the missions and biblical studies program at William Carey College after the Coopers.

On Sept. 30 in Hattiesburg, Carey added a new school, the Owen and Elizabeth Cooper School of Missions and Biblical Studies. Owen Cooper died in 1986; his widow attended the ceremonies. The school had been a division with approximately 30 students.

During the convocation, speakers included Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board; Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Jim Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City and the Coopers' pastor; and Jim Edwards, president of Carey.

For an unveiling of a portrait of the Coopers in Lawrence Hall where the school holds classes, Marjorie Rowden Kelly, former missionary and former vice president of college relations for Carey, and W.W. Walley, Waynesboro physician and longtime friend of the Coopers, spoke.

And at a luncheon, Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer emeritus of the MBCB, spoke.

Kammerdiener told the audience

which included the Carey students about his research into their college's namesake's life.

William Carey, 200 years ago, "became a fanatic for missions," said Kammerdiener. "His life was gripped by one great vision — that the world's people must know the gospel."

Kammerdiener said that "one person whose life is wedded to a great vision can change the course of history."

More particularly to the students, Kammerdiener said, "Remember your integrity and take it with you." And he asked them to consider answering the question as they decide what to do with their lives, "Why do I know the grace of God?"

Causey told of a study which showed that 89% of all laypeople believing that the purpose of the church is something other than pointing the way to salvation. Said Causey, "The mission of all Christians is what we call mission through the local church."

Yates said that Owen Cooper's address when he was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1973 discussed enlistment of volunteer mission workers. Said Yates, "Bold Mission Thrust may have been born in the heart of Owen Cooper."

And President Edwards noted that

the importance of a name is well established in history. He said of the Coopers, "These two people were Christians first." This influenced their family life, their business endeavors, and their civic responsibilities. Edwards said they had a vision of the hungry fed, the illiterate taught, the sick healed, and the lost found.

At the portrait unveiling, Walley reminisced about his friendship with the Coopers, noting that Owen Cooper had planned a three-day "do nothing" vacation and backed out of it because, said Walley, he couldn't go three days doing nothing.

Marjorie Kelly said that Beth has been "a very, very close friend" who was "a warm, warm hostess." Once, when Mrs. Kelly handled public relations for Carey, she phoned Beth Cooper to get a quote. This was to be the day that President Jimmy Carter would spend the night at the Coopers' house. The Coopers' granddaughter answered the phone and told Mrs. Kelly, "My grandmother is out mowing the lawn."

Mrs. Kelly spoke of Owen Cooper's ability to involve people in ministry. Once she met Mr. Cooper with some Indonesian students. He said they desperately needed books for their seminary library. Said Cooper to the

(See **COOPER** on page 5)



Elizabeth Cooper, foreground, was present for the unveiling of the portrait shown on the wall in background. It is a portrait of her and her late husband, Owen Cooper, for whom William Carey has named its School of Missions and Biblical Studies. (Photo by Tim Nicholas)

"Back to Basics" is theme for Pastors' Conference

By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference takes place Nov. 11 at First Church, Jackson, beginning at

10 a.m. and concluding that evening, according to Dwight Smith, president of the group.

Smith is pastor of West Ellisville Church, Ellisville.

Theme of the program is "Back to Basics." Smith notes this includes "Readin' — God's Word, 'Ritin' — encouraging one another, and 'Rithmetic — each one win one."

The morning session will include sermons by M.L. Faler and Mike Gilchrist. Faler is pastor of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi.

Gilchrist is an evangelist from Shreveport, La. Ronnie Cottingham, a music evangelist from Agricola, will lead the morning music.

The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m. and includes sermons by Edgar Lee Wright, Odus Jackson, and Ron Phillips. Wright is pastor of New Sight Church, Brookhaven. Jackson is pastor of Leesburg Church, Morton. And Phillips is pastor of Central Church, Hixson, Tenn. Floyd Grice, minister of music at Salem Heights

Church, Laurel, will lead the afternoon music.

Also in the afternoon session the group will elect officers for next year. Besides Smith, other current officers are vice president, Ken Alford, pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; and treasurer, John Brock Jr., pastor of First Church, Pearl. And there will be a testimony from Cliff Brown who is general manager for WDAM-TV in Laurel/Hattiesburg.

The evening session, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will include sermons by Mike Gilchrist, David Ring, and Bobby Welch. Ring is an evangelist from Orlando, Fla. And Welch is pastor of First Church, Daytona Beach. Evening music leader will be Mike Harland, minister of music at Crossgates Church, Brandon.

Bruce Smith, a senior at Ole Miss and a member of West Ellisville Church, will offer special music during the evening session.



Gilchrist



Welch



Ring



Wright



Faler



Jackson



Phillips

Criticism draws ire of Baylor prez

By Orville Scott

WACO, Texas (BP) — Baylor University President Herbert Reynolds charged Joel Gregory, pastor of First Church, Dallas, with exploiting his alma mater "to establish his credentials as a bona fide fundamentalist" after Gregory criticized Reynolds and Baylor's plan to elect most of its regents.

Trustees of the 12,000-student university revised the school's charter last fall to establish a semiautonomous governing board of regents, citing fears fundamentalist Baptists might take over the state convention as they have institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gregory, in a Sunday morning sermon, Sept. 29, disputed the contention of a "fundamentalist takeover" and said a proposal adopted by the 193-member Texas Baptist executive board Sept. 10 betrays the trust of Baylor's Baptist benefactors.

Assailing Baylor's action, he said, "In one brief session with suspended rules and unsuspecting trustees, 145 years of Texas Baptist — world Baptist — history was suddenly ended by a self-appointed college of cardinals."

He charged Baylor's action has

brought the Baptist General Convention of Texas to "the greatest crisis in its history." He also said, "President Reynolds doesn't have the right to play with 145 years of history."

Approved by a vote of 110-36 in the executive board, the proposal also assures the university will remain Baptist and Christian in its aims and ideals, all Baylor board members will be Baptists, and university assets would be transferred to the convention should the university be discontinued.

In his sermon, Gregory berated state convention officers for drafting a compromise affiliation agreement with Baylor, calling their actions "inexcusable and unprecedented." He said he is mailing copies of his sermon to 5,000 pastors in Texas to gain support for his cause.

Gregory called the threat of fundamentalist takeover "a red herring" and said the trustee action was made without BGCT notification and in violation of the convention's constitution.

He said Reynolds "will not speak to the issue," which he said is to "stop name-calling" and to return Baylor to

its historic relationship with the BGCT.

Reynolds said that while Gregory was a student at Baylor, "he never expressed a criticism about the university and its faculty. However, since 1988 when he apparently began to covet the First Baptist Church of Dallas position, Joel has been willing to hammer his alma mater, his former professors and me, and now his fellow pastors, to establish his credentials as a bona fide fundamentalist."

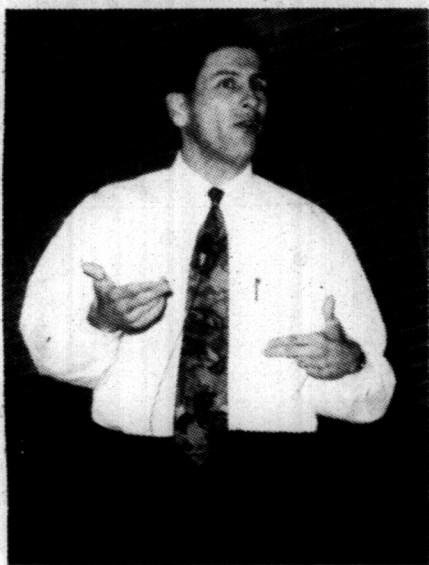
Reynolds said Gregory had wanted to be a Baylor trustee and "cannot tolerate the accord that has developed between Texas Baptists and Baylor because of his uninvolvedness, and he apparently will stoop to any level to try to be destructive" of the agreement.

"He slandered the reputations of the elected leadership of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; the Baylor regents, all of whom are faithful Texas Baptists; as well as myself," said Reynolds.

Gregory said Reynolds "doesn't know my motives. Herb's answer to (See **BAYLOR** on page 7)



Students from Cross Section, MC interpret the theme Hear and Do."



Louis Giglio



Ray Woodward

College students adopt \$95,000 missions goal

By Tim Nicholas

Approximately 800 Baptist college students met Sept. 27-29 in Jackson, adopting a student missions goal for 1992 of \$95,000.

The students, meeting at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, in effect, promised to raise that much money themselves to go toward sending 89 of their number to summer missions work next year.

Also, some of the funds would go toward other than summer projects, to continue a partnership agreement with Illinois, to participate in a mission project in St. Petersburg, Russia, and begin a partnership relationship with Vancouver, British Columbia, for the next three years.

And \$667 in special assistance will go for Rodney Dobbs, a graduate of Mississippi State who is a US-2 missionary in Worcester, Mass.

One of the featured speakers is a pastor in the Vancouver area. Ray Woodward, pastor of Towers Baptist Church there, spoke Sunday morning.

Woodward's message, basically a testimony of his life, could have been entitled, "If God's called you, he'll provide for you."

Woodward said that 10 years after majoring in geophysics in college and leaving that field to go into ministry, he got his chance to use his major. On a crusade to Italy, he spoke to an Italian geologist who needed to confer with someone of Woodward's skills. Woodward was able to tell that man about Jesus. The man made a profession of faith, which had been

dependent on Woodward's entree.

He challenged the students to return to their roommates, to their fathers, to anyone in their lives who needed a witness, because, he said, that's the first place the Lord is sending them.

Another speaker, Louis Giglio, a staffer at Baylor University in Waco, asked the students, "Is Jesus Lord in you?" He said that the question of who is Lord is settled, but who he is Lord of is the issue at hand.

"Jesus himself has already persevered through every obstacle of lordship, though he himself is Lord," said Giglio. "He has already shown us the ability to do what he's asked us to do."

Dwight Nordstrum was a speaker from Pacific Resources, Inc. of Chicago, which sends Christians to unreached people groups through business and professional organizations.

"The historical truth of our Southern Baptist roots is that we are a Great Commission people," said Nordstrum. He said that since Jesus left the earth nearly 2,000 years ago, "Never before have we had the resources, opportunities, and skilled people to do the Great Commission as we do today."



Mac and Shayla Blake, musicians from Ruston, La., perform at BSU convention.

Resolutions needed for convention

The resolutions committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has requested that resolutions to be proposed for the convention be turned in ahead of the convention sessions, according to Tommy Vinson, chairman of the committee.

The proposed resolutions should be sent to Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. The proposed resolutions will be considered by the resolutions committee, and the committee's report will be printed in the daily bulletin of the convention to be available for messenger consideration, Vinson said.

Turmoil continues at Southeastern

By Greg Warner

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP) — The accreditation problems of Southeastern Seminary probably could have been avoided if seminary trustees had changed the school's charter before trying to change its faculty.

That was the clear signal given by accrediting officials who met Sept. 16 with members of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee who are studying accreditation at the denomination's schools.

The Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada, which accredits the six Southern Baptist seminaries among its 211 theological schools, has threatened to withdraw Southeastern's accreditation. In February a team from ATS will visit the Wake Forest, N.C., school and ask administrators to "show cause" why the seminary should not be placed on probation or lose its accreditation altogether.

In announcing the visit in June, ATS said Southeastern's administrators "have seriously impeded progress toward resolving differences" between the seminary's faculty and its trustees and administrators, creating a situation that "may very well be worse" than when ATS began its investigation in 1988.

On Sept. 16, just prior to the Executive Committee's fall meeting, the committee's program workgroup met with officials from the Association of Theological Schools and the Education Commission to discuss accreditation and the Southeastern situation.

Several workgroup members said Southeastern has been persecuted because of its commitment to the inerrancy of the Bible.

Any Southern Baptist seminary

"that replaces a liberal professor with a conservative professor" will have trouble with ATS, said Kenneth Barnett, a pastor from Lakewood, Colo.

But Daniel Aleshire, ATS associate director, said accreditation "has nothing to do with theological position" but whether a school is abiding by its charter and other governing documents.

There was no way to avoid the turmoil that resulted when trustees of Southeastern Seminary moved to make the school more conservative, according to seminary dean Russ Bush.

"Any way you did it, there would have been a problem," said Bush, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

Bush and Southeastern President Lewis Drummond observed the Sept. 16 meeting of the SBC Executive Committee's program workgroup, during

which workgroup members were told Southeastern could have avoided many of its accreditation troubles by first incorporating the desired changes into the institution's charter or other governing documents.

But Bush said Southeastern's trouble has not been a question of procedure. "It's been a question of people not happy with the change," he told Associated Baptist Press.

Bush acknowledged ATS has not criticized Southeastern's new conservative theological direction. "ATS has never come down and said, 'We don't like your theology,'" Bush said. "But you can't get away from the fact that if there wasn't disagreement over theology, there wouldn't be a problem (with accreditation)."

Warner is editor of ABP.

The man who has no more problems to solve is out of the game. — Elbert Hubbard

It's about time

Hundreds of animal skin and papyrus scrolls were discovered between 1947 and 1950 inside caves southeast of Jerusalem. First the Jordanian government and later Israel agreed with a small group of scholars for exclusive research rights. The valuable documents are kept in the Shrine of the Book and Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem. This happened 40 years ago, and only the "Cartel of Scholars" could study the writings.

In 1980 Elizabeth Bechtel was given permission to photograph the scrolls and later those photos were turned over to Huntington Library in Califor-

nia. The library has now decided to permit viewing of these films by other scholars. Four decades is long enough for one group to have them, even if they did release some of the more important scroll scripts a few years ago.

The scrolls date back to 200 B.C. and are considered to be one of the most important archeological discoveries since the days of Christ. We were permitted to go through the Shrine of the Book Museum last April but we had to leave our cameras outside. Now amidst a rain of charges and lawsuits, other biblical scholars can make them known to interested students. — GH



Hundreds flee Zaire

WARM EMBRACE — Southern Baptist missionary teacher Anne Seaberry paused to hug Stanley Arnold, one of her second-grade students from another missionary group, during an evacuation of Kinshasa, Zaire. They took a ferry ride across the Zaire River to Brazzaville, Congo. The U.S. Embassy in Zaire began evacuating Americans and other foreigners Sept. 26 when civil unrest spread following a military mutiny. Mrs. Seaberry, her husband, Steve, and their three children flew home from Brazzaville to Texas after a layover in Frankfurt, Germany.

Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams

Do something about hunger? Yes, you!

"What's for supper?" I asked as I opened the back door, the same as every day when I get home from work. "I'm starving." The heavenly odor of onions cooking led me to believe my husband had a roast in the oven. Not that I needed any supper. It had been covered dish day at the office, with everything for lunch from fried chicken to broccoli casserole to chocolate pie. I ate again, though, and settled down on the couch to read and eat a bowlful of caramel pecan praline ice cream. At bedtime I ate a couple of crackers with cheese and drank some milk. "Starving?" Hardly.

This morning as I drove past the Stewpot on West Capitol St., I saw a line of men waiting for a meal, as usual, and a woman with a carload of children pulling into the driveway. I remembered, with guilt, all the food I had devoured the day before and thought, Why can't I find a way to share with those who know the real meaning of hunger? Why don't I? How would I feel if my cabinets were empty and my children were crying, and I had no money to buy food? What if, because of age or lack of education or lack of transportation or illness, I could not find a job? What if I did find a job and the paycheck would not stretch to medical bills and utilities and rent and food?



Hunger. That was the name of the book I found lying on my desk. Was I going to have to think about the subject all day? October has been named World Hunger Month, I learned, and next Sunday, Oct. 13, is World Hunger Day. "Seven hundred million to one billion in this world have empty stomachs. Famine is back in Ethiopia, as much the product of war as of drought. In Liberia, war left 120,000 children in Monrovia without food or water. In the Sudan, between 7 and 11 million face severe hunger. In America, one in seven lives in poverty. . . . In Bangladesh, a spring cyclone left thousands homeless and hungry. . . ."

Did you see the face of the child on page 1 of this issue? I remembered the hollow dark eyes of a young woman in Bangladesh. Late one night I was sitting in a van on a ferry crossing the Ganges when this woman, holding an emaciated baby, kept circling us, beating on the windows and holding out a hand. . . .

I remembered the faces of children I saw digging into a garbage can on the border of Egypt, looking for leftovers in picnic boxes we tourists had tossed.

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I wondered, How many are hungry today in Mississippi? When I called the Department of Human Services, Gwen Harmon told me that during August alone, statewide, 520,000 persons received food stamps in 190,750 households — stamps valued at \$32,720,555.00. That, she said, was 20.53% of the state's 2,579,210 population. Holmes County got the most (53%) and Lafayette County the least

(7.75%). (Twenty-five percent of Mississippians live at poverty level.)

Yet, in spite of food stamps, hunger is still right around the corner for many, many. Ted Morgan at the Gateway Mission in Jackson said that this year, to date, the mission has served almost 50,000 meals to men, women, and children, besides canned goods to families in need, "and we are not even into the holiday season."

Luther Tucker, director of the Crestwood Baptist Center in Jackson, said that during 1990 the center gave food to 2,836 individuals.

North Delta Association gave food to 10 families with 41 people in August and to 14 families with 58 people in September.

In Clinton, Laurie Lawson, director of the Clinton Community Christian Corporation, said, "The number of hungry families grows every year and the need is greater in the winter than in the summer. And it's not just people who have always been poor. It's hitting some who have held white collar jobs."

In Jackson County Association, Bob Storie told me, "Today a family of two adults and two children appealed to us for aid. We could not pay their rent or utilities, but we did with money from the Home Mission Board hunger fund give them \$50 as a one-time aid to buy food." If a second request came, he said, the association could perhaps give the family frozen bread or maybe powdered milk. "We can't keep enough of these on hand to meet the demand." Area businesses sometimes contribute these. Storie said the association usually gives food to two or three families a week. Some are waiting for food stamps; others are too proud to ask for food stamps.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT WORLD HUNGER?

- I can give generously, and regularly, to a hunger fund. Gifts designated for the SBC Hunger Fund go 80% to the FMB and 20% to the HMB. All 100% goes directly to feed the hungry. Home and Foreign Mission Board hunger funds are disbursed through state conventions; Neron Smith, Cooperative Missions Department, is the Mississippi liaison. Smith said that several years ago he really became impressed with the need, and he realized it was a part of his own responsibility to help feed the hungry. After he had read Scriptures underscoring that responsibility, he made a commitment to the Lord that he would give above his tithe, an added offering for hunger, every time he gave an offering. He has kept that commitment, giving at least every week such an offering.

- Volunteer to help staff a soup kitchen or food bank.

- Clean out my freezer and my cabinets; take extra food to a soup kitchen.

- Adopt a family for a month. Then individually or with some organization, deliver food to them.

- See if some organization in my church would like to help me underwrite a Jerusalem Project, a Home Board hunger-relief ministry, or help sponsor a hunger project abroad, through MANNA (Ministering Aid to Needy Nations Abroad), Foreign Board.

- Suggest that the Baptist Women in my church might like to start a job bank, as have women of First Church, Pensacola.

Will you join me in the fight?



Anderson

Simpson

Ayala

Rose

Media Library Workshop scheduled: Hattiesburg

The Mississippi Baptist Media Library Workshop for 1991 will take place Nov. 1-2 at First Church, Hattiesburg. The operative word is "workshop."

Most of the program time will be in specialty conferences such as basic or advanced classification and cataloging, book repair (bring books that need repair), administration, processing, reading clubs, instructional media for churches, witnessing with media, and audiovisual repair and maintenance.

A highlight will be a visit to the DeGrummond Children's Library at the University of Southern Mississippi. This is one of North America's leading research centers for American and British children's literature.

Theme of the meeting will be "Focus on Bible Study."

Featured speakers for a general session will be Linda Donnell and Carol Simmons, who will speak on time management, motivation, and personal grooming. They have written the book *Bloom: A Christian Woman's Guide to Health and Attractiveness*.

Sunday School Board personnel who will be on the program include James Rose, who will speak on witnessing with media; Jacquelyn Anderson, who will speak to experienced librarians; Danny Ayala, who will talk about repair and maintenance of audiovisual equipment and on instructional media for churches; and Floyd Simpson, who will lead sessions on book repair and reading clubs.

For details on registration, contact the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, phone 968-3800.

COOPER, From page 3

students, "This woman can do it for you." Said Mrs. Kelly to the convocation crowd, "And he walked off."

The upshot was that she did enlist her Sunday School class to get the books and recently she and her husband Earl Kelly had in their class in Baguio, in the Philippines, a student who was going back to teach in that seminary.

She said his missions interests were evident to the end. Two days before Owen Cooper died, Mrs. Kelly visited his hospital room. Instead of talking about his illness, he asked her, "What project have you got going for missions now?"

Earl Kelly said that after Owen Cooper's death, it was discovered that on top of his church gifts, he was giving to more than 100 Christian causes on a regular basis. Kelly quoted Jerry Clower, who had been a member of First, Yazoo City, with the Coopers, "The greatest thing Mr. Cooper did for

me was to teach me to give with joy."

Kelly said Cooper paid the seminary education of a person who will become a seminary president in an emerging nation. And Kelly saw Cooper place a roll of \$100 bills in the pocket of a pastor in Bulgaria who had spent eight years in prison for preaching the gospel and was penniless.

Concerning the race issue, Owen Cooper 30 years ago as part of a committee, recommended federal compliance by Mississippi Baptist entities. After that recommendation was defeated on the convention floor, Cooper told Kelly, "Sit tight, we were right."

"Give them time and most will come to our conclusion."

At the end of the day's programs, Mrs. Cooper said privately that she had a hard time fighting back the tears. And she added, "Nobody knows but me — he was his very best within the four walls of our home. . . . He never raised his voice in anger in 48 years."



At center are Jim Edwards, president of William Carey College, and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City at the recent convocation at Carey. At far right is Don Kammerdiener, special speaker for the occasion. (Photo by Tim Nicholas)

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Donnell and Simmons

Violence takes toll on churches in Yugoslavia

By Art Toalston & Stanley Crabb
ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (BP) — At least nine Baptist congregations have become victims of civil war in Yugoslavia.

"We have a real war here," said Nela Williams, one of three Southern Baptist representatives in the splintering nation of six republics and 24 million people.

Williams is a native of Yugoslavia. Her husband, James, also was a Southern Baptist representative there until his death in a 1980 auto accident. The other Southern Baptist workers there, Bill and Debbie Steele of Columbus, Ga., are involved in starting churches in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade.

Escalating strife has forced Baptist congregations in at least six towns and villages to disband, by Williams' count. European Baptist Press Service has received reports of "three other congregations disbanding."

Church buildings may have been destroyed in bombing raids by the Serb-dominated military, Williams said. "You can't go into these places to see how much damage has been done," she noted. But she has heard reports of the destruction of hospitals, churches of various denominations, schools, and homes for the elderly. In August, the two buildings at "God's Valley" Baptist campground were burned in a clash.

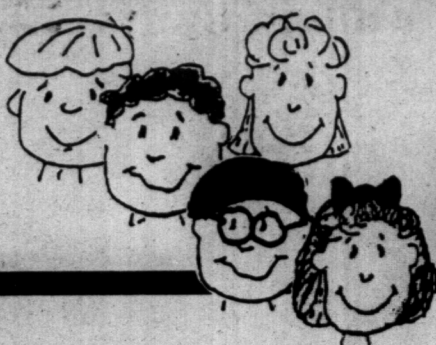
"Yesterday in church there were new faces because of all the refugees coming to Zagreb," Williams said. "I'll have some refugees in my home."

The Zagreb congregation, the lone Baptist church in the city, is collecting food, clothing, blankets, medicines, and money to help refugee families through the coming winter.

Prior to the civil war, Croats and Serbs worshiped together in a number of Yugoslavia's 120 Baptist churches and missions. They still do, according to two Baptist leaders.

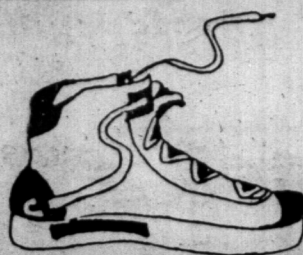
Toalston and Crabb write for FMB.

The best way to avoid making a mistake again is to calmly recognize that you have made a mistake, and find ways to avoid doing so again in the future. Blaming yourself is a poor practice, because it automatically tends to lower your level of self-esteem and self-confidence. Remember that everyone makes mistakes, so you're entitled to your quota also. — John M. Briggs



Shoe Strings

"the KID's fun page"



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Decoder Game

	A	B	C	D
1	C	U	W	K
2	L	B	M	Y
3	N	A	E	D
4	P	O	I	S

1. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments or A2 B3 C1 D4

2. Jesus teaches that He will D4 B1 A4 A4 A2 D2 all of our needs.

3. The father of the "prodigal son" C1 C3 A2 A1 B4 C2 C3 D3 his son back home.

4. The Bible teaches us to be D1 C4 A3 D3 to one another.

Matching

Music which is played at the beginning of a service to help us think about God is called

anthem

The closing prayer in a service is called

giving our money

An anthem sung by the choir at the beginning of the service is called

prelude

Some songs sung by choirs are called

benediction

The offertory is the time when we worship by

invitation

The time when people are asked to accept Jesus as Savior is called the

call to worship

Girls Can Too

Josh Sherman, age ten, looked "wide-eyed" at Joelle Johnson. The eleven-year-old girl smiled and said, "Yes, I am going out for the football team. I am going to try out for our middle school Bearcats football team."

"But," stammered Josh, "you're a girl. Girls don't play football. They just..." and before he could finish Bobbie Sue Hampton said, "A lot you know Josh Sherman. Girls can do anything boys can do."

"Yeah," agreed Joelle. Bobbie Sue added, "Besides Joelle has the best arm in the neighborhood and Coach Johnson said, 'She could if she wanted to.'"

"But," asked Josh, "what if you get tackled, hit, or busted up?" "I can take it," determined Joelle.

During the next two weeks of football practice, Joelle played hard. Her dad, Coach Johnson, wrenched every time Joelle was "tackled, hit, or busted up," but he didn't say anything.

Friday was the big day — "Cuts Day." That was the day the names of the coming years' fighting Bearcats were posted.

Joelle and Bobbie Sue walked hand in hand to the bulletin board. Joelle closed her eyes and said, "You look. I am too nervous."

Bobbie Sue ran her finger down the list. She stopped and started jumping up and down and shouted, "You've made it, you've made it!" Next Month: The Big Game

capsules

Baptists cooperate, despite Soviet trouble

BILL LEONARD NAMED SAMFORD RELIGION CHAIR: BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Bill J. Leonard, professor of church history at Southern Seminary since 1975, has been named chairman of the Samford University department of religion and philosophy. Ordained a Southern Baptist minister in 1971, he was on the staffs of churches in Texas and Massachusetts prior to joining the Southern Seminary faculty. A Decatur, Texas, native, he is married to the former Candyce Crew. They are parents of a daughter, Stephanie Erin, 16.

MOBILE TO HOST "MISSION FEST": Southern Baptists are sponsoring a "MissionsFest," to be held at Moffett Road Baptist Church, Oct. 25-26. MissionsFest will offer worship and music experiences; missionary testimonies, conferences, exhibits, and dialogue; and missions activities for preschoolers, youth, and adults. Forty missionaries are expected to participate in the two-day event.

SUMMER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REGISTERS SLIGHT DECREASE: NASHVILLE (BP) — Operation Desert Storm and the national economy may be the causes for summer attendance at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist conference centers to drop slightly from last year, an official said. Combined summer conference center attendance at Southern Baptists' two national conference centers was down by about 2,200 in 1991 from last year, according to statistics compiled by the Sunday School Board's conference center section. Conference center totals at Ridgecrest (not including Centrifuge youth camp) were 21,940 in 1991 compared to 23,110 in 1990. At Glorieta, again without Centrifuge, registration totals in 1991 were 20,159, compared to the 1990 total of 21,185. Centrifuge attendance added a total of 10,525 at both conference centers in 1991, 50 less than in 1990.

WMU TO ACCEPT GRANT APPLICATIONS THROUGH NOV. 1: BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is accepting applications for Second Century Fund grants through Nov. 1. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 1. Grants are given in three categories: to develop missions organizations abroad; to enhance WMU leadership development in the United States; and to foster education about missions and WMU among Southern Baptist seminary students and faculty. Grant applications are available from Mary Helen Dixon, Woman's Missionary Union, P.O. Box 830010, Birmingham, AL 35283. Requests for applications also may be requested at (205) 991-4026.

MOSCOW (BP) — Despite the political fragmentation surrounding them, Baptist leaders in the former Soviet Union want no spiritual fragmentation, according to their words and prayers.

Baptists from the 15 former Soviet republics met in Moscow Sept. 18-19 for the first time since the August coup backfired, setting in motion the abrupt downfall of 70-plus years of Marxist-Stalinist communism.

Leaders of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists could not be reached by telephone after the meeting. But the meeting went "exceptionally well (with) a very positive spirit of cooperation," reported Keith Parker, a Southern Baptist observer.

The leaders "focused on being joined together in Christ however the governments decide to go," Parker recounted in a telephone interview from Zurich, Switzerland.

Parker, director for Southern Baptist work in Europe, attended the Moscow meeting with Isam Ballenger, the Foreign Mission Board's vice president for Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. Two Southern Baptist missionaries in the Soviet Union, George Lozuk and Dan Panter, also attended several sessions.

Baptist leaders from the newly independent Baltic republics were "welcomed as equals" at the meeting, Parker said. "There was a sense of celebration in their independence." Baptists are organized at the republic level in most parts of the dismantled Soviet Union, and they are making

gains in planting new churches and ministering in social institutions, Parker noted. Yet the representatives recommitted themselves to ongoing cooperation, especially in missions and evangelism in areas with few Christians such as the Muslim-dominated Central Asian republics.

Baptist leaders also plan to continue united efforts in theological education and in training programs for Sunday School teachers and other church leaders, Parker reported. The leaders discussed "the tremendous problem of finances and their desire to develop mission and evangelism efforts they could afford themselves."

Haiti mob burns Baptist building

By Mary E. Speidel

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (BP) — A mob burned the headquarters of the Baptist Convention of Haiti in Cap-Haitien early Sept. 30.

The incident apparently was unrelated to a coup the same day ousting Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a leftist Roman Catholic priest, who was inaugurated as Haiti's first freely elected president Feb. 7.

The burning was linked to a disagreement between some Haitians over control of a Baptist secondary school in Cap-Haitien, said Reidar Lindland, area secretary for the Caribbean for international ministries of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

Parker said. "In fact, they said if they receive financial help from the West, they want it to be temporary."

Baptist representatives from a number of republics spoke of their desire for Southern Baptist missionary co-workers, Parker said. Formal personnel requests soon will be developed for Southern Baptists interested in career missions in the country, he said.

Parker also will be working on volunteer opportunities, especially exploring ways to link smaller Southern Baptist state conventions with Soviet republics where Baptists are a decided minority.

Southern Baptist volunteer Bobby Edwards, who lives in Port-au-Prince, the capital, received word of the burning Oct. 2 from Joseph Ilne, a Haitian Baptist leader in Port-au-Prince.

Since the Sept. 30 coup, Edwards has been in daily radio contact with Southern Baptist missionaries Mark and Peggy Rutledge, who were safe at their home near Hinche, several hours from the capital. At the time of the coup, the Rutledges, from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Glendale, Calif., had a number of guests who were unable to return to their homes.

Missionaries Virgil and Patsy Suttles are on furlough in Elberton, Ga. Speidel writes for FMB.

== You don't work alone . . . we're right alongside you . . . and lo, He is with us always. ==

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SENT... AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
December 1-8, 1991

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$84 Million

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is scheduled in our churches December 1 - 8. One of the top priorities of every church for the first quarter in the 1991-92 church year is observing the Week of Prayer.

Church WMU directors have been sent sample copies of the following materials for use with this extremely significant observance:

- One poster
- One offering envelope
- One prayer guide
- One bulletin cover

Multiple copies of these materials are available free from the WMU Office, with the exception of the bulletin covers, which may be purchased directly from the Baptist Book Store.

Remember, curriculum material for use in the Week of Prayer are found in our WMU age-level magazines - ROYAL SERVICE, CONTEMPO, etc. THE COMMISSION MAGAZINE also provides a great deal of information concerning current happenings in world-wide missions.

The 1991-92 goal for the Lottie Moon Offering has been reduced from \$88,000,000 to \$84,000,000 because of our inability to reach goals in previous years.

Let's look at Mississippi's response to foreign mission needs through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering over the past ten years:

1981	<u>\$2,757,188.69</u>	1986	<u>\$4,027,313.28</u>
1982	<u>3,101,191.87</u>	1987	<u>4,128,247.07</u>
1983	<u>3,329,413.81</u>	1988	<u>4,092,295.34</u>
1984	<u>3,551,675.73</u>	1989	<u>4,723,518.51</u>
1985	<u>3,900,075.16</u>	1990	<u>4,811,522.63</u>

Mississippi Baptists Lottie Moon Offering goal for 1991-92 is the same as last year's goal--\$5,000,000. We can reach this goal as we learn about world-wide mission needs, pray about the needs and our response to them, and then give generously to help bring the world to Jesus.

WMU Annual Meeting

March 16-17, 1992

First Baptist Church, Clinton

State
Missionaries

Musicians
Russell and Melinda
Kyzar and
Mary Simmons

Foreign
Missionaries

Joyce Mitchell
Associate Executive-
Director
WMU, SBC



Carolyn Miller,
President
WMU, SBC

Rev. Dewey Merritt,
Foreign Mission Board

Home
Missionaries

Monday supper served
by Disaster Relief
Feeding Unit

Tuesday lunch served at
Mississippi College
Coliseum

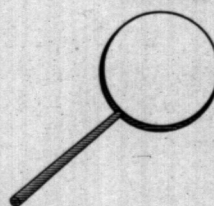
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Lay Missions Conference

First Baptist Church
Jackson, MS
November 11, 1991

FOCUSED:

Ministry
In Our
Marketplace



A great opportunity awaits Mississippi Baptist laymen and women this fall!

The second in our annual Lay Missions Conferences is scheduled for First Baptist Church, Jackson, November 11.

Beginning at 1:00, Missions Fellowships and Seminars will be offered. At 3:00, Tillie Burgin will speak and dialogue with us about "Ministry in Your Marketplace." Burgin is Minister of Missions at First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas. This former missionary to Korea for ten years directs Mission Arlington—a ministry to the physically and

spiritually hungry in which 90 percent of First Baptist Church families are involved. The ministry has more than 100 Bible studies with weekly attendance of 1400.

A banquet will be held at 5:00, by reservations only, with humorist, Dennis Swanberg, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, LA, as speaker. Cost for banquet reservations is \$7.50 per person and November 6 is the deadline for reservations.

To make reservations, send name, address, number of reservations needed, along with your check for \$7.50 per person, to Missions Banquet, Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Make checks payable to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS EDUCATION THROUGH WMU = MORE PEOPLE STUDYING, SUPPORTING AND DOING GOD'S WORK AROUND THE WORLD!

IT'S TIME TO BE



"Growing Strong" is a three-year plan for growth for Mississippi WMU.

GOAL: More members in WMU organizations (Baptist Women, BYW, Acteens, GA, Mission Friends)

To find out more, contact the WMU office, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205; 968-3800

(see related article)

Mississippi WMU Introduces a New Plan for Growth

"Growing Strong" is the title of the new three-year plan for growth that was introduced at WMU summer training conferences in August. The plan begins with the 1991-92 church year and includes strategies for the local church, the association, and the state. The goal of the plan is to increase WMU membership and number of WMU organizations in Mississippi Baptist churches. The strategies assigned to the state and association are designed to enable the local church to accomplish the objectives suggested for them.

Mississippi WMU ranks high in the number of churches having at least one WMU organization (67%), but there has been a decline in state-wide enrollment for the last two years. It is this situation that has led the WMU Executive Board and state WMU staff to propose "Growing Strong" as an effort to turn this trend around.

Anyone interested in knowing more about "Growing Strong" or receiving material about the plan should contact the WMU office at Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Telephone 968-3800.

GROWTH TIP

In each issue of alongside for the next three years, we plan to insert a GROWTH TIP. It would be very helpful for you to send us tips to use in alongside concerning growth in your Woman's Missionary Union. If you've been able to start new units, if you've seen your WMU increase numerically, jot down the details about what's been going on at your church and mail to GROWING STRONG, P O Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Did you ever think of the UNIFORM CHURCH LETTER containing helpful information for planning a WMU growth effort in your church? October is the month when UNIFORM CHURCH LETTERS are compiled and turned in all over the state.

Could you verify the WMU statistics on the UCL which goes from your church to the association? Are they accurate? If so, then think about the number of women, girls and pre-school boys and girls in your church who are not related to WMU in any fashion.

The next step is to DECIDE - to DETERMINE - to WILL to grow. Be positive and upbeat when approaching the subject. Read the material in our 1991-92 WMU YEARBOOK concerning ACCOUNTABLE FOR ONE. What a huge increase in membership we would have at the end of the 1991-92 church year if ONLY each member of Baptist Women enlisted another, or if ONLY each member of BYW, or Acteens or Girls in Action enlisted just one other person in Woman's Missionary Union.

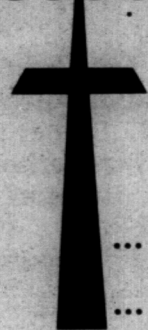
Let's endeavor to make 1991-1992 the year when we in Mississippi "pull out all of the stops" in an effort to bring into missions awareness and growth many of those who need to have such an experience.

SOUTH REGIONAL EVENT

for **Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women**

November 1-2, 1991, GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Called to
Respond



... to HIM
... to THEM

Featured speaker: *Laura Fry Allen*, writer,
Centerville, GA

Singer: *Lisa Leavell*, speaker, conference leader,
Jackson

Theme interpretation: *Alma Hunt*, former WMU
Executive Director, WMU, SBC

Conference leaders: James and Dottie Gilbert, missionaries
in Panama

Marjean Patterson, Executive Director, Mississippi
WMU, Jackson

Marty Perkins, Test Examiner for Literacy Program,
Gulf Coast Community College, Moss Point

Rosemary Miller, Nursing Instructor, Gulf Coast
Community College, Gautier

Shea Williams, student at New Orleans Baptist
Seminary, Kentwood, LA

Cost: 2 persons per room - \$32 per person; 4 persons per room - \$29 per person
Registration forms are available from associational WMU directors, or the State WMU
Office, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



There will be missionary speakers, missions activities, and fun for all GAs and their parents/leaders.

Mississippi College, Clinton, will host a GA Day, January 18, beginning at 3 p.m. and concluding with the Lady Chocs basketball game.

Come and join in the activities of the first GA Day at MC, January 18.

WMU Advanced Leadership Diploma Announced

Have you already completed the requirements for the WMU Leadership Diploma? Would you like knowledge beyond the basics of WMU?

If you answered "yes" to the questions above, you are ready to pursue the WMU Advanced Leadership Diploma. The basic information about this new program of study can be found here, in the 1991-92 WMU Year Book, and the 1991-92 Church Study Course Catalog.

Courses:

1. *If I Had Known: What Happens When I Study Missions*
2. *I Can Be A Mirror: My Role in Mission Action and Personal Witnessing*
3. *I Can Have A Part: My Role in Mission Support*
4. *The New Mission Action Book*
5. *Empowered! Reclaiming the Meaning of Missions*
6. *How to Pray for Missions*
7. *Biblical Light for the Global Task*
8. *Elective from Mission or WMU Leadership or Evangelism and Witnessing or Christian Growth and Service*

THEME:

Making time for
Myself...
Family...
Others...

All
In God's Time

Feb. 7 & 8, 1992

BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION
PRAYER N' PRAISE

Cost: \$25.00
Bring linens
and towels.

TIME:
Friday supper, 6:00-
-Saturday lunch

Deborah Brunt,
Corinth

Sharon Neff,
Arcola

Joan Tyler,
Collins

Stuart Calvert,
Ashland



REGISTRATION:
Send name, address, city, zip,
phone number to:

WMU
P.O. Box 530
Jackson, MS 39205
ATTN: Ashley McCaleb

Make check payable to WMU. DEADLINE is
January 27, 1992

Gulf Coast Pastor Earns Six WMU Diplomas

Rev. Rick Wilson, pastor of New Hope Church, Gulf Coast Association, sets the example in study course awards. This year he has completed study and earned diplomas for WMU Officers, BW Officers, BYW Officers, GA Leaders, and Mission Friends Leaders. He also earned an Associational WMU Leadership Diploma.

Mrs. Sandy Kirby, WMU Director of New Hope, says the pastor is very supportive of all areas of WMU work and encourages members to work on the study course program for their area of interest and responsibility.

Opportunities for church-wide study are provided for foreign and home mission study. For several weeks, Baptist Women studied the History of WMU taught by the WMU Director. Others study at home on an individual plan.

During this year's Focus on WMU emphasis, Brother Wilson encouraged WMU members to lead the Sunday morning worship service. GAs and Acteens served as ushers, a choir of Baptist Women led the music program, and Sandy Kirby presented a missions-emphasis challenge to the congregation.

Sandy Kirby says, "Brother Wilson realizes how important Woman's Missionary Union is in keeping the needs of our world before the church."

1992

MISSISSIPPI WMU CALENDAR

1992

January

18 GA Day at Mississippi College, 3 p.m.-Lady Chocs Basketball Game

February

7-8 Baptist Women Prayer Retreat, Camp Lake Stephens, Oxford, Friday,
4 p.m.--Saturday, 1 p.m.
9-15 Focus on WMU
16-19 Home Mission Study, theme: "The Unchurched: Who, Where, and Why?"

March

1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering, theme: "Missions: Reaching People, Growing Churches"
14 GA Day at Central Hills, Central Hills Retreat, 10 a.m.--3 p.m.
16-17 WMU Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Clinton, Monday 2 p.m.--
Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.
27-28 5th and 6th Grade GA Mother/Daughter Overnight, Garaywa, Friday,
4 p.m.--Saturday, 3 p.m.
28 GA Day at Garaywa, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

April

10-11 Youth Missions Convention, Mississippi College, Clinton, Friday, 7 p.m.
--Saturday, 4 p.m. Queens Banquet, 5:00 p.m. Friday.
24-25 Associational WMU Officers Training, Garaywa, Friday, 5 p.m.-
Saturday, 12:30

May

12 Associational Officers Interpretation Meeting, Alta Woods Church,
Jackson, 9:30 a.m.--3:00 p.m.

June

3-5 Acteens Mini Camp, Garaywa, registration begins Wednesday, 1 p.m.,
camp concludes Friday, 12:30 p.m.
8-12 GA Camp, Garaywa, registration begins Monday, 10 a.m., camp
concludes Friday, 12:30 p.m.
15-17 Acteens Mini Camp, Central Hills, registration begins Monday, 10 a.m.,
camp ends Wednesday, 11 a.m.
15-19 GA Camp
22-26 GA Camp
27 Key Leader Seminar, Baptist Building, Jackson, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
29-July 1 GA Mini-Camp, Garaywa. Registration begins Monday, 10 a.m.,
camp concludes Wednesday, 11 a.m.

July

1-3 GA Mini-Camp, Garaywa. Registration begins Wednesday, 1 p.m., camp
concludes Friday, 12:30 p.m.
4-10 WMU Conference, Ridgcrest
6-10 GA Camp, Garaywa
10-11 First and Second Grade GA Mother/Daughter Overnight, Garaywa,
Friday, 4 p.m.--Saturday, 2 p.m.
13-17 GA Camp, Garaywa
18-24 WMU Conference, Glorieta
20-24 GA Camp, Garaywa
27-31 GA Camp, Garaywa

August

10 Church Leader Training, Garaywa, 6:30--9 p.m.
11 Church Leader Training, Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m.; 6:30--9 p.m.
12 Church Leader Training, Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m.
13 Church Leader Training, FBC, Indianola; FBC, West Point; FBC,
Newton; FBC, Gautier, 6:30--9 p.m.
14 Church Leader Training, FBC, Indianola; FBC, West Point; FBC,
Newton; FBC, Gautier, 9:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m.
15 Church Leader Training, FBC, Batesville; FBC, Baldwin; FBC,
Brookhaven; Immanuel, Hattiesburg, 9:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m.
22 Associational Officers Training, FBC, Oxford, 9 a.m.--12:30 p.m.
24 Associational Officers Training, FBC, Brandon, 5:45--9:15 p.m.
25 Associational Officers Training, FBC, Winona, 5:45--9:15 p.m.
27 Associational Officers Training, FBC, Columbia, 5:45--9:15 p.m.

September

11-12 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Retreat, Garaywa, Friday, 6 p.m.
-- Saturday, 1 p.m.
11-12 GAs Plus One, Garaywa, Friday, 4 p.m.--Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
13-16 State Mission Season of Prayer and Margaret Lackey Offering
26 GA Day at Central Hills, Central Hills Retreat, 10 a.m.--3 p.m.

October

9-10 Women's Conference, Mississippi College, Friday, 4 p.m.--Saturday,
3 p.m.

November

15-18 Foreign Mission Study
29-December 6 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering

Gleanings from Garaywa

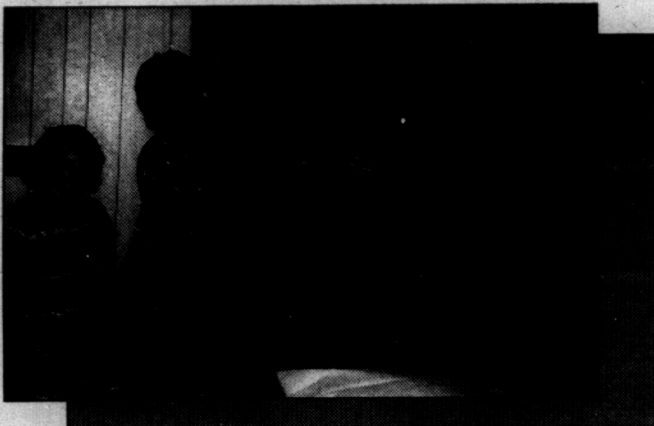


NEW CURTAINS!

Each cabin at Garaywa is now outfitted with beautiful new curtains. An allocation from the 1991 Edwina Robinson Special Day Offering was used to purchase material to make the 324 curtains!

Our nine areas took responsibility for making the curtains. Many women in the state had a part in the cutting, ruffling, sewing and ironing involved in such a massive project. Many thanks, ladies!

Be sure to take a look inside one of our cabins on your next visit to Garaywa. The lovely curtains add warmth and friendliness to each of our eighteen cabins.



Merlene Avera, Buckatunna Church in Area 6, helps hang new curtains which she made for two cabins at Garaywa. Others in Area 6 assisted in making the ruffles and ironing the curtains. Assisting Merlene are her daughter, LaNeta Henson and granddaughter Joy from Union.

EVER THINK ABOUT HAVING A RETREAT AT GARAYWA?

Are you planning a prayer retreat or a youth overnight or some other special "away from the church" activity for members of WMU in your church or association during 1992?

Camp Garaywa is a great place to have day-long or overnight activities in a quiet, secluded setting.

Rates and available dates may be secured from your state WMU Office, P O Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Plan a retreat, a fun afternoon, or a training activity - the list is limited only to your own imagination and creativity - so let us hear from you!

GARAYWA NEEDS

Camp Garaywa needs a wheelchair and a pair of adjustable crutches. These items are needed in the event of an emergency at our camp.

If you would like to donate either of these items to the camp, please call the WMU, 968-3800, or write to the office at P O Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

A Look Ahead

November

- 1-2 BW/BYW South Regional Meeting, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Friday, 5 p.m.-Saturday, 1 p.m.
- 17-20 Foreign Mission Study, Theme: "Venezuela: Vision for Discipleship"

December

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

January, 1992

- 18 GA Day at Mississippi College, 3 p.m.-Lady Chocs Basketball Game

From Zimbabwe to Chicago

Women from Mississippi have served in some exotic and some not-so-exotic places this year in volunteer missions.

Linda Donnell, Hattiesburg, and Lou Hayes, Biloxi, went to Zimbabwe, Africa, in April. Linda cooked for the missionaries and their families and led some seminars for missionary wives at their annual Mission Meeting. Lou taught VBS to four and five year old MKs.

In June, fifteen Mississippians and five volunteers from Illinois joined in a project with the Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia. They taught five Backyard Bible Clubs, three Vacation Bible Schools, and a sewing class, and held blood pressure screenings. They reported eight professions of faith during the week. Mississippi volunteers included: Mae Hardin, Joy Ellis, JeNell Doler, Beth Powell, Winona; Betty Moore, Smithdale; Ella McAnally, Belmont; Ruby Foster, Magnolia; Mary Jo Latham, Brookhaven; Lola Autry, Hickory Flat; Connie Bunch, Jackson; Betty Duck, Gloster; Carol Ginn, Liberty; Connie Tidwell, Clinton; Sue Keen, Philadelphia.

Mississippi WMU once again sent a team to Uptown Baptist Church in Chicago to do Backyard Bible Club, feed the homeless, and minister to the women in the community. Joan Tyler, state WMU president, led this team which consisted of Flossie Lee, Collins, Jo Ingram and Opal Graves, Meadville, and Bobbie Foster, Prentiss. This team also joined a team of Illinois WMU women in this project.

East St. Louis was the site of the final volunteer project for this year. Beth Bell, McCool; Judy Clark, Lauderdale; L. K. Spivey, Jackson; Martha Kate Phillips, Calhoun City, and Georgia Stanford, Clinton, joined a team of Illinois women at the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis to sort and distribute school supplies and clothes to neighborhood children. They distributed over 500 school supply kits during the three-day project.

Anyone interested in being involved in future Mississippi WMU volunteer projects should contact the WMU office at 968-3800.

Acteens Participate in Mission Projects

Acteen Innovators and Activators, along with their leaders, were busy with numerous mission activities during the summer. Innovators, 272 Acteens and leaders, participated in a week of Mission Blitz in Lee Association and in Jackson Association where they ministered to more than 500 persons. More than 100 professions of faith were reported during these weeks of Backyard Bible Clubs, VBS, and recreational activities.

Nine teams involving 55 Acteens and their leaders participated in Activator projects in five states—Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Washington, and Texas. More than 40 professions of faith were reported by the teams.

Activator teams were from the following associations and churches: Lincoln Association; Tucker's Crossing, Ellisville; First Baptist, Wiggins; Mt. Vernon, Columbus; First Baptist, Madison; Mt. Pisgah, Eupora; First Baptist, Columbus; First Baptist, Louisville; Meadowood, Amory.

Foreign Missions Study November 17-20

Theme: "Venezuela: Vision for Discipleship"

Books:

Adult: Venezuela: A New Face for Missions

Youth: Destination: Venezuela

Children Grades 4-6: Venezuelan Adventure

Children Grades 1-3: Venezuelan Adventure

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Campers on Mission elect officers

The north area Campers on Mission rally was held at Carthage Sept. 27-29. At that meeting, officers were elected. Left to right, they are Catherine Heranney, north area secretary; Betty Vanderhagen, state secretary; Phil Vanderhagen, treasurer; Mattie Ray, north area representative; James Ray, state president; Bruce (Red) Worrell, state vice president; John Thomas, chaplain, is not pictured. South area officers will be elected in November.

1992 Calendar Dates: March 13-15 — South Area Spring Rally, Boone's Campground, Columbia; April 24-26 — North Area Spring Rally, Country Creek Resort, Brandon; Aug. 14-16 — State Rally, Highland Park, Meridian; Oct. 16-18 — North Area Fall Rally, Coliseum, Carthage; Nov. 13-15 — South Area Fall Rally, Mazalea Campground, Biloxi.

Those interested in becoming part of Campers on Mission may contact the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

BAYLOR

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everything is a personal attack."

Gregory, a former BGCT president, said in his Sunday sermon Reynolds wrote in a 1984 letter in the school newspaper the Baptist General Convention of Texas owned Baylor.

He quoted Reynolds as saying, "While we have long received support from the BGCT, which owns the university, we have benefited greatly from diversity on our campus."

Gregory said, "Let it be said, if the BGCT owns Baylor University in 1984, it owns it in 1991."

Reynolds responded in a news conference the next day that in the 146-year history of Baylor, there has never been a reference to convention ownership in the Baylor charter.

He said while the SBC struggle was launched by a group he called "Presslerites" in reference to Judge Paul Pressler of Houston, the BGCT/Baylor issue was launched by

Gregory's criticism of Baylor in his president's message at the state convention in Austin in 1988.

"Since that time," said Reynolds, "he (Gregory) has done everything he possibly could to align himself with the Presslerites to make sure he stayed in tune with those folks so he could fulfill his personal ambitions which I think he has done in assuming the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Dallas."

"If they didn't own us before, they don't own us now," he said.

"We want to cooperate with Texas Baptists and carry out the ministries of Texas Baptists because we believe in them, not because of what we are in terms of our legal relationship according to the constitution of the convention."

Scott writes for Baptist General Convention of Texas.

To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle. — Walt Whitman

Cooperative Program ends behind last year

NASHVILLE (BP) — Cooperative Program gifts received by the Convention's Executive Committee during the 1990-91 fiscal year surpassed the basic operating budget for the year but fell slightly below a year ago.

"The September Cooperative Program provides for a comparison between the fiscal years 1989-90 and 1990-91," said Harold C. Bennett, president/treasurer of the Executive Committee.

"The good news is that the SBC basic Cooperative Program budget was met on Sept. 25," said Bennett. "The SBC Cooperative Program receipts, year-to-date, were almost \$2.9 million over the basic operating budget."

"Then, by convention action, the overage was divided on a 50-50 basis to capital needs budget and program advance."

"The bad news is that the SBC Cooperative Program receipts fell

short of last year by \$509,887.61 or .036%," said Bennett. "For the first time in a quarter of a century, maybe back to the 1925 beginning of the CP, the receipts were less than the previous year."

The SBC Cooperative Program receipts for 1990-91 totaled \$140,200,394 compared to 1989-90 of \$140,710,282 or \$509,887 less than a year ago. The September gifts received by the Executive Committee were \$10,800,923 compared to September 1990 of \$11,863,345 or more than \$1 million less than a year ago. The 1990-91 monthly basic budget requirement was \$11,444,377.

However, designated gifts sent to the SBC were up in September compared to a year ago: \$1,771,015 compared to \$1,725,510. For the year, designated gifts reached \$124,181,625 compared to the previous year of \$124,879,324 or a .56% decrease.

Lay Missions Conference is set for November, Jackson

The second annual Lay Missions Conference will take place in Jackson, Nov. 11, with the theme "Share Heritage and Hope... Ministry in Your Marketplace."

The program will be at First Church, Jackson, the day before the beginning of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

This lay-oriented day begins with missions fellowship meetings and a seminar, includes a "Marketplace Ministry" seminar, and concludes with a missions banquet.

The missions fellowship meetings, beginning at 1 p.m., will be for those interested in agricultural missions, ham radio, medical-dental missions, educational missions, Campers on Mission, Cooperative Program Champions, Church Renewal, and construction. The seminar will be on the topic "Volunteers in Missions." These sessions are open to everyone to simply pick their interest area.

At 3 p.m., the general conference will take place featuring Tillie Burgin, minister of missions at First Church, Arlington, Tex. A former missionary to Korea, Burgin's ministry includes a feeding program and more than 100 Bible studies with weekly attendance of more than 1,400.

The missions banquet begins at 5 p.m. with Dennis Swanberg as speaker. Swanberg, pastor of First Church, West Monroe, La., uses humor to entertain and encourage.

The banquet is the only cost item for the day's activities. It is \$7.50 per person. The deadline for reservations is Nov. 6. Contact the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Daycare is available for preschoolers by notifying the Brotherhood Department.



Swanberg

Burgin

Burgin heads busy organization

Tillie Burgin, featured speaker for the Lay Missions Conference at First Church, Jackson, Nov. 11, heads up an organization with a busy schedule.

Mission Arlington, a ministry of First Church, Arlington, Tex., has weekly Bible studies in more than 100 locations. A daily influx of 50-60 people seeking food, clothing, transportation, or money for rent or utilities, sponsors AA and Narcotics Anonymous groups, operates a medical clinic and a child care center for unemployed parents looking for jobs, and has a waiting list of 14 apartment complexes where Bible studies could begin if volunteer leaders could be found.

Odds are, those who hear her speak will be challenged to become involved in such a ministry. So, look out!

Two more professors leave Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP) — Two more professors are leaving Southern Seminary in part because of the increasing influence of fundamental-conservatives at the school.

Bill Leonard, professor of church history at Southern since 1975, has been named chairman of the depart-

ment of religion and philosophy at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

John Johnson, professor of missions and world religions, will become professor of world religions at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Both appointments take effect in January. And both professors said the 12-year-old controversy among Southern Baptists was the key factor in their decisions to leave.

In April Southern's trustees and faculty adopted a "covenant agreement" that commits the school to becoming more conservative. The compromise agreement loosens strict

hiring guidelines adopted earlier by trustees but also ensures that only "conservative evangelical scholars" will be added to the faculty.

The covenant "bought some time," Leonard said, so that students and teachers can make adjustments. But it also set Southern on an increasingly conservative course.

Many Baptist professors consider universities such as Samford and Baylor — which are affiliated with state Baptist conventions and not subject to control of the Southern Baptist Convention — to be more insulated from the pressures of the SBC controversy.

Oops

The Diary of a Country Doctor by W. W. Walley is being widely read, with more than 7,000 copies distributed since Feb. 17.

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New BP editor

Art Toalston, staff writer for the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, since 1985, and a former staff member of the Jackson Daily News, was elected editor of Baptist Press by the SBC Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee Sept. 17.

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MC homecoming is set for weekend, Oct. 18-19

Alumni and former students will return to the Mississippi College campus for homecoming weekend, Oct. 18-19, for the 1991 celebration which will climax with a football game between the Choctaws and Livingston University at 6 p.m. in Robinson-Hale Stadium.

The theme for this year's celebration will be "A Time of Beginning Again," with alumni returning for class reunions, an awards luncheon, a parade, a patio show, organizational reunions, a football game, and other activities.

Bernard Blackwell, director of alumni affairs, is general chairman of the homecoming committee. He requested that advance reservations for the awards luncheon be made because of the record numbers expected.

Friday's activities will include the

D. M. Nelson-Aubrey McLemore Golf Tournament at Shady Oaks Country Club, the A. A. Kitchings Tennis Cup at the college courts, "Open House" for the 1950s group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pittman, 417 Trailwood Drive, Clinton, and the Follies in Swor Auditorium. There will also be an informal fellowship and rehearsal for the first-ever Vesper Choir reunion from 7:30-9:30 at First Church, Clinton.

The annual homecoming awards luncheon is set for noon in the A. E. Wood Coliseum. The "Alumnus of the Year," "Order of the Golden Arrow," "Sports Hall of Fame," and other special awards will be given.

The newly renovated Latimer House will be dedicated at 10:30 a.m. and will be open for tours until 2 p.m. A parade through downtown Clinton is set for 2 p.m.

New books by Zondervan

THE ULTIMATE CHURCH, by Tom Raabe. An irreverent look at church growth, megachurches, and ecclesiastical "show-biz," 172 pp.

EARTH KEEPING, by Sydney L. Donahoe. There are thousands of ways we can practice good stewardship. There are plenty of ways you can be a better earth-keeper in your kitchen, living room, bathroom, yard, and car, 144 pp.

LOVING AGAIN, by Joseph A. Ryan. Advice on dating and remarriage for the widowed. Practical and comprehensive words for a serious problem, 208 pp.

LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN IN THE CHURCH, by Susan and Peggy Hutcheson. "True leadership is not so much a result of one's position, but rather an outgrowth of Christlike qualities which are neither male nor female," 144 pp.

MAJOR BIBLE PROPHECIES, by John F. Walvoord. Covers 37 of the most important prophecies of the Bible and explains what is happening today. Easily understandable for every Christian, 450 pp.

FIT TO BE TIED, by Bill and Lynne Hybel. Making marriage last a lifetime in a world that is falling apart. Biblical principles in an honest and helpful setting, 217 pp.

HOW TO GET A JOB, by James Bramlett. A handbook on job preparation, changing careers, and a job hunting map. An appendix of potential Christian employees is included, 320 pp.

Staff changes



Ramah Church of McCall Creek, licensed **Ted Bowlin** to the gospel ministry in a special service on Aug. 4. Fred Morris Sr., left, presented the license. Ted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bowlin of Brookhaven is available for supply or pastor. He can be contacted by calling (601) 734-2385 or writing Rt. 5, Box 672A, Brookhaven, MS 39601.

William P. Cubine, pastor of Immanuel Church in Paducah, Ky., has been named seminary pastor at Southern Seminary. Cubine, 58, has been at the Paducah congregation since 1978. He begins his seminary duties Dec. 2. Cubine will succeed Estill Jones who is retiring after eight years as seminary pastor. Cubine has served five Southern Baptist congregations in Kentucky during his 35-year pastoral ministry.

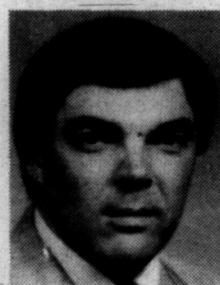
Sally Stevens, member of First Church, Pelahatchie, recently taught a clown workshop at Southside Church, Greenville. Stevens learned how to witness through clowning and illusion in Nashville at Southern Baptist Clown Training.



Ronnie O. Hatfield was licensed to the gospel ministry at Tusculum Church, Prentiss Association on Sept. 8. Hatfield is available to preach. He is married to Lisa Shook Hatfield and they have three daughters, Leslie, April, and Kellen.

Center Terrace Church, Canton, has called **Jerry T. Hood** as pastor, effective Oct. 6. A native of Ellisville, he received his education at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, La., New Orleans Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary. His previous place of service was East Church, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Carmel Church, Monticello, has recently called **Randy Walker** as minister of music and education. Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their son, Jason Gordy, reside in Brookhaven. Johnny E. Sykes is pastor of Carmel.



Wright

William Wright has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Church in Mendenhall and is presently available for interim, pulpit supply, or revivals. He can be contacted at (601) 643-5852.

Homecomings

Mt. Vernon (Leflore): Oct. 13; services, 11 a.m.; Billy Bob Guest, former pastor, speaker; dinner following morning services; singing in afternoon. Larry McDaniel, pastor.

Glading (Amite): Oct. 13; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner on grounds; singing in afternoon; Charles Kirkfield, pastor.

Revival dates

Mt. Zion, Walnut Grove (Leake): Oct. 14-18; 7 p.m. nightly; Edward Knox, New Palestine, Picayune, evangelist; Eric Kachur, minister of music and youth, West End Church, West Point, music; Ron Harrison, pastor.

Walker Hill (Rankin): Oct. 13-16; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Ted Duke, McComb, evangelist; Robert Toney, Clinton, music; Bernard Nail, pastor.

First, Yazoo City: Oct. 13-16; Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, director, L. D. Hancock Foundation, Inc., evangelist; John Yates, Jackson, music evangelist; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.;

Mon.-Wed., 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; James F. Yates, pastor.

Eastside, Pearl (Rankin): Oct. 13-18; Jimmie Knight, Laurel, evangelist; B. J. Jenkins, Jackson, music evangelist; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m. and noon; free business luncheon; Dennis Dunn, pastor.

Oakdale, Brandon: Oct. 13-16; evening services, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Garland McKee, Evangelism Director, MBCB, evangelist; Bill Britton, associate pastor and music director, College Park, Mobile, Ala., music.

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Names in the news

L. Byron Harbin, career missionary to Brazil, is guest professor in the Department of Religion and



Harbin

Philosophy at Mississippi College during the current session. Harbin and his wife, the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin, Miss., were first appointed to the mission field in 1969 and assigned to Brazil, but resigned in 1980. They were reappointed in 1981 and prior to furlough were stationed in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he is professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary.

James Sclater, professor of music at Mississippi College, has been honored by the American Society of

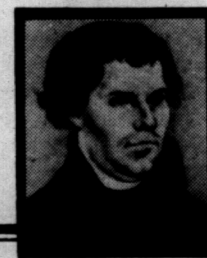


Sclater

Composers, Authors and Publishers with an ASCAP Award for the 1991-92 school year. The cash award is made by ASCAP to reflect that group's continuing commitment to assist and encourage writers of serious music. Sclater said he feels his major contribution to winning the award was a piece he composed entitled "Concerto for Orchestra" which was performed by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra in April, 1989, in honor of Eudora Welty's 80th birthday celebration. A member of the Mississippi College music faculty since 1970, Sclater was previously honored by the Mississippi Institute for Arts and Letters for his "Concerto for Orchestra."

WASHINGTON (BP) — James A. Smith of the Christian Life Commission has been named to the advisory board of a major alcohol policy conference scheduled next year in Washington. Smith, director of government relations for the CLC, accepted the invitation Sept. 19 to serve on the committee preparing for Alcohol Policy VIII to be held March 25-27, 1992. It will be the eighth time the conference has been held in the last 12 years, said Patricia Taylor, a member of the advisory board.

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Just for the Record



Old Oak Grove Church, Myrtle, sponsored and conducted a Backyard Bible Club at Alabama Park in New Albany, July 29-Aug. 2. An offering of \$9.70 was collected for missions. Tommy Peters is pastor. Sis Jordan was director. Helpers were Edna Galtin, Crystal Kiddy, and Cindy Dawson.

Center Terrace Church, Canton, will feature The Dixie Echoes on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

McLaurin First Church, Hattiesburg, held a mission recognition service for its GAs, Sept. 22. Recognized were Scarlett Kellogg, Penny White, Jessica Clemts, Chrissy Shows, and Angle Dixon. Charlotte Clemts is the leader.

Thorn Hill Church, Rankin County, will have dedication services for its new fellowship hall, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., and followed by an Open House. Rickey Gray, pastor, First Church, Flowood, will bring the dedication message. Wilson Winstead, pastor, Briar Hill Church, will conduct a memorial service in honor of Guy Gray, former pastor of Thorn Hill Church. Other speakers will include J. C. Renfro, director of missions, and Rudy James, pastor of Thorn Hill Church.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Others, Providing Empathy), a support group for people grieving the death of a loved one, will meet Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson. Headed by MBMC's mental health clinical nurse specialist and director of social services, the group meets the third Thursday of each month at MBMC. For more information, call 968-3090.



GAs of First Church, Lexington, were recently presented a certificate of recognition from the Second United States Army for their participation during Desert Shield/Storm. The GAs carried personal items to Thompson Field in Jackson to be airlifted to Saudi Arabia. Pictured are Tamara O'Brian, Carrie McMinn (front), Christy Rosamond, Wendy Alford, and Crystal Alford. Back row, Mickie Rodgers and Brenda Farmer, leaders.



Groundbreaking ceremonies took place Aug. 18 for Emmanuel Church, Pearl, to build its new worship center. Pictured, left to right are Tommy Anderson, pastor; building committee, Oliver Coleman, Hubert Yates, Ray Culbertson, Richard Sparks, chairman, Joe Dearing, Jannie May, treasurer, Mary Cook, and Jewel Lowery.

Churches adopt Expanded Annuity Plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the Sept. 12 issue of the Baptist Record: Gulf Coast: North Long Beach; Jones: Indian Springs; Lamar: Good Hope; Lawrence: Shalom; Monroe: New Prospect; Northwest: FBC, Eudora; Pike: Silver Springs; and Smith: Oak Grove.

Fall Festival of Marriage honors J. Clark Hensley

J. Clark Hensley was honored by the annual Fall Festival of Marriage held at the New Orleans Seminary Sept. 20-22. The program was dedicated to him in recognition of his years of service and his many contributions to the development of marriage enrichment programs. Hensley led the effort to have the Baptist Sunday School Board Family Ministry Department schedule one of their Fall Festivals in this area. Now it is an annual event co-sponsored by that department and the Mississippi and Louisiana Baptist Conventions. Three hundred and twelve persons participated in the festival this year.

Macklyn Hubbell, former pastor, First Church, Cleveland and now professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Seminary, spoke at the dedication time on the program. He recalled Hensley's pioneer work in family ministry while director of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission and his continuing efforts as con-

tract worker in family ministry through the Discipleship Training Department. He also pointed out the recipient's contributions to national efforts to implement family ministry programs in Southern Baptist churches through writings, conference leadership, and as a strong advocate.

Hensley, who could not attend the event because of a previous personal commitment, responded to the dedication by means of a video-taped statement. He spoke encouragingly of the growth of ministries for families and expressed appreciation for the honor and the opportunities to be involved in that development.

Ray Wells, family ministry director for Louisiana Baptists, presented a plaque of dedication to Hensley. The plaque was accepted by Horace Kerr, present contract manager of family ministry in the Discipleship Training Department, in the absence of Hensley and delivered it to him in Jackson.

Homecomings

Calvary, Braxton: Oct. 13; Vance Dyess, first pastor of church, speaker; Marcus Alexander, pastor; dinner following morning worship.

Shiloh (Marion): Oct. 13; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Doug Benedict, D.O.M. Lamar, guest speaker; noon meal served in fellowship hall; singing at 1:30 p.m.; Jimmy Jones, pastor.

North Calvary, Philadelphia: Oct. 13; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m.; dinner on grounds, noon; singing, 1:15 p.m.; Jimmy Porter, McComb, guest speaker; Newheart, a singing group will be featured in afternoon.

Brewer, Richton (Perry): 72nd; Oct. 13; services, 10:50 a.m.; Kenneth Ball, Petal, guest speaker; dinner on grounds, noon; singing, 1:30 p.m.; Southern Harmony, Calvary Church, Hattiesburg, guest singers; Michael R. McLendon, pastor.

New Good Hope, Pulaski: Oct. 13; starting at 10:30 a.m.; dinner in fellowship hall; music program featuring Jackson Echoes, 1 p.m.; open house at the parsonage; Paul Smith, pastor; Danny Harrison, song leader.

Center Grove, Meridian: Oct. 13; William Earl Green, former pastor, will preach in morning service; dinner on the grounds; singing in afternoon.

Nola (Lawrence): Oct. 13; former pastor W. D. Dixon Jr., Vaughn, guest speaker; regular church services; honor time for Mrs. Floy Evans and Mrs. Jesse Foster; covered dish lunch; afternoon singing by The Messengers, Brookhaven and The Heatfelt Singers, Nola; Clayton Hart, pastor.

Damascus, Flora: Oct. 13; William E. Bradshaw Jr., pastor, speaker; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner served in Pearl Cloud Fellowship Hall following services.

Highland, Jackson: Oct. 13; 11 a.m.; dinner on grounds, noon; singing, 1:30 p.m.; Cliff Shipp, pastor.

Dry Creek, Florence (Rankin): Oct. 13; 10:30 a.m.; Carl Burns, Bogue Chitto, guest speaker; dinner on grounds at noon; 1:30 p.m. singing; Susan Clark; Jackson, guest singer; Jerry Glass, pastor.

Harrisville (Simpson): Oct. 13; 9:45 a.m.; Glen Jennings, Carson, guest speaker; dinner in fellowship hall, noon; singing, 1:15 p.m.; Mrs. Sally Sandifer Buckles, Brookhaven, guest singer; Mark Sandifer and the Dear Sisters, other guests; Dennis Allen, pastor.

New Salem, Liberty (Mississippi): Oct. 13; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; Odus Jackson, Leesburg, guest speaker; dinner on grounds, 11:15 a.m.; singing, 12:30 p.m.; Clark Wilson, Magnolia, guest singer; celebrating 4th year; David Fortenberry, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church (Holmes): Oct. 13; services start at 11 a.m.; M. C. Johnson, director of missions, North Delta Association, guest speaker; Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Lexington, music; afternoon program of singing and fellowship; W. M. Daves, pastor.

Mt. Pisgah, Enid (Tallahatchie): Oct. 13; 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.; dinner on grounds; gospel singing after lunch; David A. Crowe, pastor.

Clear Branch, Florence (Rankin): Oct. 13; services, 11 a.m.; Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; covered dish in fellowship hall, noon; singing, 1 p.m.; Pearl Quartet, guest singers; E. N. Sullivan, interim pastor.

Holly Springs (Marion): Oct. 13; services, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds; afternoon, special singing; Robert Sones, former pastor, guest speaker; Charles E. Williams, pastor.

Correction

The Joy Choir of First Church, Greenwood, will present a musical on Thursday night of the Autumn Fest at Gulfshore, Oct. 14-18. (It is not senior adults from Greenville as appeared in the Sept. 26 Baptist Record, page 2).

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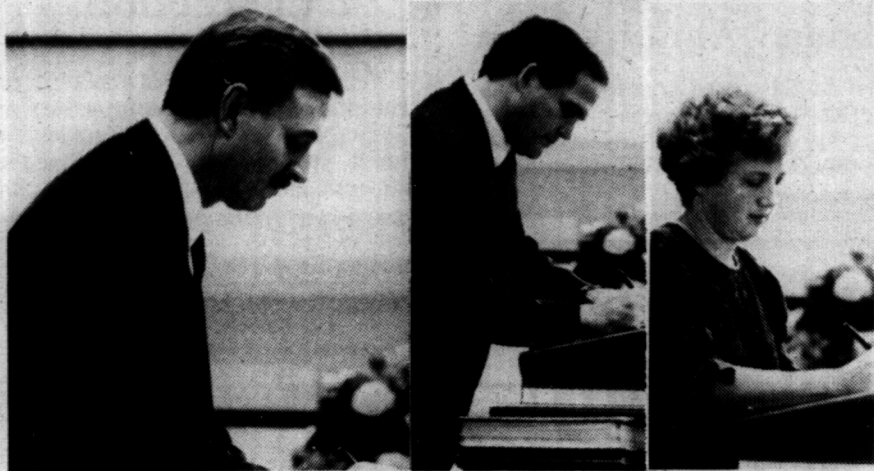
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Three from state join N.O. faculty

Charles A. Ray Jr., center, is newly elected associate professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary. A native of Greenwood, Ray has served as a foreign missionary and professor of New Testament and Greek at the Baptist Seminary in Taejon, South Korea; and as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Pine Grove, La.

Sidney L. Buckley, left, newly elected associate professor of voice, and two other Mississippians, sign **Articles of Faith** during a recent convocation service at New Orleans Seminary. A native of Columbia, Buckley has served as a minister of music, as a voice teacher, and as head of the Music Department at Central Wesleyan College.

Paula A. Stringer, right, is newly elected assistant professor of early childhood education at New Orleans Seminary. A native of Alabama, Stringer has served as director of child development at Broadmoor Church, Jackson; as a teacher of early childhood education at USM; and as assistant professor of elementary education at Mississippi College. (Photos by Kevin Devine)

MC names Rogers alumnus of the year

CLINTON — John Milben Rogers of Morton, currently president and chief executive officer of B. C. Rogers Poultry, Inc., will be honored as the 1991 "Alumnus of the Year" by the Mississippi College National Alumni Association.

There will be four Distinguished Service Awards and five Awards of Appreciation handed out by the association as part of the alumni luncheon during Homecoming Day, Oct. 19, in A. E. Wood Coliseum.

Receiving DSA citations will be: George Dale ('62), State Insurance Commissioner; Beverly Arbogast Edwards, executive assistant, Office of Alumni Affairs; Anise Pickering McDaniel, mother of six MC alumni; and Charles E. Martin ('51), vice-president for Academic Affairs at the college.

Scheduled to be presented Awards of Appreciation for service in Alumni Association work are William Brooks Alexander III ('73), Cleveland, 1991 chairman of the Annual Fund; H. Gowan Ellis ('57), Terry, president of the National Alumni Association; Helen McCool Middleton ('40), Kosciusko, president of Hillman Alumnae; W. R. (Billy) Priester Jr. ('35), Natchez, past president of Fifty-Year Club; and Melvin D. Whitfield ('69), Clinton, president of National "M" Club.

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Oloh, Sumrall (Lamar): Sept. 15-18; Ryan Whitley, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Larry Burden, Hattiesburg, music; three professions of faith; Jipper Williford, pastor.

Liberty (Mississippi): Sept. 22-25; two professions of faith; three by letter; James Spencer, evangelist; Everett Solie, music; Michael Glenn, pastor; J. B. (Buddy) McElroy, minister of music.

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McCall will receive Brown-Davis Award

Emmanuel McCall will be the guest speaker for the first Brown-Davis Conference, Oct. 24 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton. McCall will also be the first to receive the Brown-Davis Award.

The award is given in memory of T.B. Brown and W.P. Davis, both former presidents of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and both involved in helping to rebuild 46 burned-out black churches in the 1960s. It is given in their memory to those persons who model racial reconciliation.

The conference will focus on the beginning of new black Southern Baptist churches and the National Baptist congregations which are dually align-

ed with Southern Baptists in Mississippi.

Today there are 15 black congregations affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

McCall serves as interim director of Black Church Extension Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

He is also pastor of a new congregation in Atlanta, the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church.

Participating in the event will be Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Eugene Dobbs, assistant administrator for ministry for the board.

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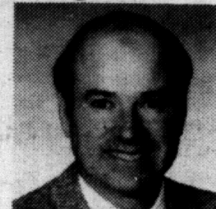
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Paul and Silas: A miracle at midnight

By Kiely D. Young
Acts 16:25-40

EARTHQUAKE! The very thought sends fear through the hearts of most folks. When recent predictions of a mid-America earthquake were issued, folks made every preparation possible, from stabilizing buildings to storing food. It is always wise to be prepared. The greater preparation must be made for facing eternal judgment which is certain, than a possible earthquake.



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God can use an earthquake though, to get folks' attention. He will do whatever it takes to reveal his love and the need of man's redemption. In the passage before us God reveals his miraculous power to change the hearts and lives of even the most difficult people to reach.

A miracle of joy (Acts 16:25). "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."

It would have been understood if Paul and Silas had been heard complaining to God for being in prison. After all, they were only guilty of doing what they were sent to do, proclaim

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the gospel. Instead, they had a song in the night. Charles Hadden Spurgeon said, "Any fool can sing in the day. It is easy to sing when we can read the notes by daylight; but the skillful singer is he who can sing when there is not a ray of light to read by . . . Songs in the night come only from God; they are not in the power of men."

God responded to their songs of praise by sending an earthquake to shake the foundations of the prison, opening the doors and breaking the chains binding the prisoners. This could mean death to the prison keeper, but God had a better plan.

A miracle of salvation (Acts 16:27-31). The prison keeper was ready to take his own life when Paul got his attention assuring him that all of the prisoners were still there. Certainly, this must have startled the man, for anyone in prison would definitely want to get out, even escape if necessary. But, as was this case, the prison keeper was in greater bondage than Paul and Silas. He came trembling to Paul and Silas and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul immediately responded, "Believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (v. 31). Paul gave the right answer to the man's searching question, faith in Jesus Christ. In the Book of Acts the emphasis is on faith in Jesus Christ alone (2:38-39; 4:12; 8:12, 37; 10:10-43; 13:38-39).

Paul's answer does raise a question in the minds of some. The phrase "and thy house" does not mean that the members of his family would be saved by proxy through his salvation. The phrase means "your household will be saved if they also believe in Jesus." This passage does not give opening to "household salvation" or "infant baptism." It simply calls to attention the importance of sharing the gospel with all members of the family, indicating each person must trust Jesus by faith himself.

It may have taken an earthquake to get the prison keeper's attention, but there was certainly a change of his heart when Jesus took over. "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (v. 33). Before he had sought to deal them misery, now he was first to give them comfort; such is the result of genuine repentance and conversion.

A miracle of fellowship (Acts 16:34-40). "And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing

in God with all his house." The jailer was excited over his newly discovered friends in the Lord. He wanted and needed their encouragement. Paul also needed him for a further word with the authorities. The magistrates simply wanted Paul and Silas to leave quietly without further disturbance because their case against the disciples was weak at best. Paul then revealed that he and Silas were Romans and had been unjustly treated. Paul requested their personal escort from the prison. This was done without hesitation. Upon their release, they return to the house of Lydia, their headquarters in Philippi. When God performs a miracle, he does it in a manner that all men know that his power is present.

Acts 16 is about God working in the lives of all sorts of folks bringing each to salvation. Timothy was brought to salvation through the influence of a godly mother and grandmother. Lydia was converted listening to Paul at Jewish prayer meeting. The Philippian jailer was saved as a result of an earthquake. Different folks with "different strokes," yet each was genuinely converted by the miraculous grace of God. There are people like these all around us waiting to hear the gospel story, let us be busy telling them about our Lord.

Young is pastor, First, Greenville.

Rebuke of immature believers

By Randy W. Turner
I Corinthians 3:1-4:21

(Focal Passage — I Corinthians 3:1-3)

One at a time I held up three placards before my people. One had neatly lettered on it the word NATURAL. The second contained the word CARNAL. The third,



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the word SPIRITUAL. I had at some length described and defined the three categories of man as they are addressed by Paul in I Corinthians 2:14-16 and 3:1-3. I was now drawing to the conclusion of the message and I asked the people the pointed question, "Which one of these three categories do you fit into? I'm going to

place these three placards on the communion table," I continued. "I'm going to ask each one in the congregation to stand now and file by the communion table one at a time, pick up the placard that best describes your spiritual con-

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dition, hold it in front of you and turn and face the congregation for just a moment." I quickly added, "No, I will not ask you to do that. Such a demonstration may be valuable but I have an idea that each one of you in that second of time made an accurate assessment of who you are and which placard you may have to hold up were you really asked to do so."

Paul was facing the problem of immature believers in the church in Corinth. He was defining these three categories of men in which all of us fit. In the closing part of Chapter 2, verse 14, he speaks of the natural man. This is the first category, into which all of us were born. In this category we exist in our natural state. Paul said the natural man does not receive the things of God. They are foolishness to him.

In verse 15 of Chapter 2 he moves on to the third category, the spiritual man. The mature believer fits into this category, having the mind

of Christ according to verse 16 of Chapter 2. Then in Chapter 3 Paul goes back to the second category, the category described as the carnal man. This was the area in which he was having the problem. This was the area Paul knew he needed to address most.

Carnal was the placard that many of the people at Corinth, if they were honest, would have to hold up before the congregation. Paul was speaking with some pain in his voice, I imagine, when he says, "Brethren, I could not speak to you as to spiritual people. I would like to have addressed you as mature Christians but I haven't been able to speak to you on that level. You would never understand it. But rather I've had to speak to you as babes in Christ" (3:1).

Obviously the new birth does not produce a full-grown Christian any more than the physical birth produces a fully mature human being. The implication here is that the Christians at Corinth had remained babies too long. They had not matured normally. All babies have to drink milk before they can eat meat. They have to crawl before they can walk. But Paul says here

in verse 2, "I fed you with milk and not with solid food for until now you are not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able."

It's a very, very sad thing to witness when a child, for whatever reason, has not matured normally. Growth and development have been retarded. And it's very, very sad when believers do not mature normally, when their growth and development have been retarded. Such was the problem in Corinth. Such may be the problem for some of us today. Verse 3 says, "For where there is envy, strife and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" Envy, strife, and divisions always characterize carnality, immaturity. Conversely unity and harmony always characterize spirituality, maturity in Christ.

The central Bible truth is clear. Paul's rebuke of immature believers reveals that a growing relationship with Christ enables believers to grow in their relationships with one another. Which card would you hold up: NATURAL, CARNAL, or SPIRITUAL?

Turner is pastor, Parkway Church, Natchez.

God's Word alone is all-powerful, enduring

By Don Dobson
Isaiah 55:10-11, Hebrews 4:12-13
I Peter 1:22-25

A popular television show by the name of "Dallas" produced a line that I have never forgotten. Jock Ewing, the patriarch of the Ewing clan, told his son J. R. that "power was something you took, not earned."



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Certainly, for many today, that is the prevailing attitude of life. We are reminded by news magazines of the most powerful people in industry and business. We dress for power. We, at times, live for power; many have died for power.

Today's lesson addresses the subject of power. You and I will do well to remember that God's Word through his power, will help us accomplish our tasks.

I. The Word of God has power to accomplish God's will (Isaiah 55:10-11).

The plants will not grow without the rain. This is a simple enough statement. No rain, no growth. One really doesn't have to hold a degree in agronomy to know this. However, as we look at Isaiah, we see that God's Word is the water to our spiritual growth. The Word of God is the power that stimulates, as rain is to plants, us to accomplish our Father's will.

II. The Word of God has power to judge (Hebrews 4:12-13).

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The Word of God is likened to a two-edged sword. This sword has the power to judge each and every individual. Nothing under creation is hidden from this judge. As the Word of God pierces our hearts, souls, and thoughts, no mistakes will be judged in its process. The power to judge is indeed weighty. The Word of God is indeed big enough to do it.

III. The Word of God has power to bring forth life (I Peter 1:22-23).

Have you ever heard the expression "bad seed?" Most of us have. When it's used, we usually are referring to someone who turned out "wrong." It's an old agrarian term meaning the seed did not or would not germinate.

The Word of God is likened to good seed, seed that will always germinate and bring forth new life. This life is evidenced by lost people finding Christ. It is also presented as Christians getting back in step with God and God's Word.

IV. The Word of God has power to endure (I Peter 1:24-25).

Things do wear out over a period of time. So do people. That's nature. Nothing lasts forever. It was bound to tear up sooner or later. Have you ever heard the afore-mentioned expressions? They are all true, almost. Let me share

with you, however, something that lasts forever. No, it's not a bad haircut or a summer cold, it is the Word of God. When all is said and done, after the trees are gone, after the grass dies,

after the flowers fade, the Word of God endures. Whoever said nothing lasts forever, knew not the power of God's Word.

Dobson is pastor, Collins Church, Collins.

Dravecky challenges students

By Rebecca Morrison

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP) — The message Dave Dravecky delivered to William Jewell College students was clear and direct: "Don't wait another day to develop your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And if you do know Christ, live for him completely, starting today. For the process of living is more important than any goal you may obtain. You don't know what will happen tomorrow."

Dravecky was a guest on the Missouri Baptist college campus Sept. 30 as part of the school's Christian Focus Week observance. About 800 students and faculty and members of the public gathered in Gano Chapel to hear Dravecky's message of faith and personal salvation. The appearance was sponsored by the college chapter

of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Since his professional career ended with the discovery of cancer in his left arm and the subsequent loss of that arm and shoulder in June of this year, Dravecky sees himself as a vessel for spreading his belief God does not "send" disease or adversity, but "allows" it to happen as part of a character-building process.

Asked what he had learned from his experience, Dravecky answered, "I know that God is on the throne of my life; that it is his will that guides me. And I know that should I die tomorrow, I'll rejoice to be with my heavenly Father."

Morrison is a writer in the office of public relations at William Jewell College.

RV caravan journeys 10,500 miles on mission odyssey

By Anne W. McWilliams

From Mississippi to North Pole and home again in two months: Eight couples, Campers on Mission, traveled in a caravan of RVs 10,500 miles to do volunteer mission work in Alaska. They left June 2 and returned Aug. 1.

The group, coordinated by Hollis and Eunice Bryant of Clinton, divided into three teams to work at north Kenai, Soldotna, and Anchorage in Vacation Bible Schools, Bible distribution, and construction and repair.

Harlan and Alene Byrd said they spent two years in preparation for the mission adventure, including a week at Tiak O'Khata in orientation for Mission Service Corps. The Byrds, 206 Duncan St., Lucedale (phone 947-8238) recently were named Mission Service Corps coordinators for their area. First Church, Lucedale, commissioned them before their departure for Alaska. Former owners of a dry cleaning establishment, they sold their business to their son and are semi-retired.

Campgrounds along the way, they said, afforded opportunities for witnessing. One day, for instance, at Tok, known for its dogsled races, a young man visiting Alaska to pick mushrooms noticed the campers as



An Indian woman at Northway Village accepts a New Testament given her by a Mississippian.

they had Sunday School around a picnic table. When he asked Alene why they all looked so happy, she gave him some literature and told him that their faith in Christ had made a difference in their outlook on life.

Another day, in Canada, while Harlan was fixing a flat on their motor home, a man came out of his house nearby to talk with the couple. He said he was a Christian and that he wanted to be a minister. Though not a Baptist, he enthusiastically accepted all the resource and reading material Alene handed him.

Along the way, Rudy Hurst and wife Nell of Biloxi led the caravan; campers communicated by CB. When the two motor homes, two pop-ups, and four travel trailers went separate ways to assignments, the Byrds and Bryants drew Anchorage; they parked their vehicles behind the Baptist Convention Board building there.

First, the Anchorage team led a week of Vacation Bible School, late afternoons, at Emmanuel Church, Anchorage, which Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller, Mississippians from Tupelo, began a good many years ago. The Millers, who still live in Anchorage,

donated the land for Hillside Church which stands beside their house and which teams from Mississippi and Alabama helped to build.

Two summer missionaries from Mississippi, Kim Herrington and Stacy Woodruff, who were living in a trailer in the Millers' yard, one day prepared brunch for the volunteers. Also they helped out in the Bible schools.

During the week of the Fourth of July, because of the holiday, they did not have VBS, but spent extra time in visitation, especially in mountain villages, inviting children to the VBS the following week at First Native Baptist Church, and giving Bibles.

Someone told Harlan Byrd that when he went up to a certain house, a big fat man would come to the door and he would probably be drunk. "So when I knocked," Harlan said later, "a fat man came to the door and I thought 'He's drunk.' But he was not. He was very responsive, and said his children could come to the Bible school."

Bible school the next week at First Native Baptist Church was held in early afternoons. Esteen and Harry Quinn of Jackson flew to Anchorage to help with the preschoolers at this church. Also Frank and Jeannie Robbins of Clinton had joined the team, and she served as counselor. Valeria Sherard, missionary in Alaska since 1952, a Mississippian from Carthage, wore an Eskimo dress as she spoke on Isaiah 41:10.

The older Eskimo children who came took care of the younger children, as is their custom. One older boy, Abraham, carried his Bible everywhere he went. Alene said, "I had the joy of talking with him and being with him when he prayed to receive Jesus."

Also in Anchorage, Harlan and Hollis did some repair jobs at the home of Judy Rice, state WMU executive director.

Others of the caravan included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McCoy, Picayune; Earl and Frances Allen, Ridgeland; James and Mattie Ray, Grenada; Howard and Mary Conner, Smithdale; and Euel and Melba Nelson, Monticello.

The caravan visited North Pole. The Nelsons made the decision to return there with their 18-year-old grandson to do volunteer mission work for a year.

On the way home, several stopped to fill a request received on the way up, at Northway Indian Village, where a log cabin chapel has morning worship services and afternoon Sunday School for children. There, in a village where the chief is 114 years old, Derryl and Phyllis White, a Baptist couple, live in a house similar to those of the Indians and work among them as volunteers, with a supplement from the Alaska Baptist Convention. They have adopted a two-year-old Eskimo girl and have another little girl of their own. In their house, only three rooms had been completed, so Harlan Byrd and Howard Conner nailed up paneling, connected the electricity, and repaired the refrigerator.

"We would go back next year if we could," said Alene. "If the Lord gives us a chance, we'd like to go and stay and serve a year in an Indian village."



In the home of Judy Rice, WMU executive director, Alaska, and Barbara Young, chaplain in the Police Department at Anchorage, are Harlan and Alene Byrd; Eunice Bryant; Young; and Hollis Bryant. Byrd and Bryant did some repair jobs at this house.



Alene Byrd teaches children at Sunday School in Northway Indian Village.



Mary Conner, left, and Alene Byrd warm their hands at a campfire.



Esteen Quinn, left, of Jackson, teaches preschoolers in First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska. Geraldine, Eskimo at right, is at age 30 the mother of seven children who attended the VBS.



Harlan Byrd, right, and Howard Conner take a break around a camp table.

Written on your epitaph!

By Ronald E. Bishop

And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).

You are working today on your last earthly possession. You will not know when it is awarded, but you have much control over it. Others will give it, but you will have earned it. This result of a lifetime of labor is your epitaph.

Abraham was a man who earned his epitaph. No one had to search for a preacher who would say nice half-truths about him. But he was no superman. He was just an average person. He wanted security (remember he took Lot with him). He was easily frightened (remember he called Sarai his sister). He could tell a good lie (ditto). He became impatient (remember Ishmael). He sometimes found it hard to believe God (remember his laughter at the prospect of a son).

But believe God he did. The reason that Abraham can be remembered with such glowing remarks is that the positive in his life overshadowed the negative. God did not pronounce him perfect, only righteous. Abraham was a man whose life was characterized by faith. He was brave (remember his rescue of Lot). He was generous (remember his tithe to Melchizedek). He also reflected the compassion of God (remember his plea for the righteous people in Sodom). He trusted God even when God was hard to understand (remember the near-slaughter of Isaac). Abraham's life can be judged "righteous" because his pattern was to be faithful. His inconsistencies were not his habit, but exceptions. They were human failures that were not characteristic of the man.

John said, "All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them" (1 John 3:24). Are the sins in your life characteristic of your nature, or are they small, brief failures? When your epitaph is written, what will be said?

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Revival dates

First, Winona: Oct. 13-16; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Jerry Pipes, Texas, preaching; Price Harris, Louisiana, singing; Johnny Walker, pastor.

SC moderates elect offices

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP) — More than 450 moderates met at St. Andrews Church in Columbia Oct. 1 to organize the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina.

It will be aligned with the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Elected were William Coates, pastor of First Church, Orangeburg, moderator; Donna Forrester, associate pastor at First Church, Greenville, and former chaplain at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., moderator-elect; and Thomas Benning, a layman and member of First Church, Clemson, secretary-treasurer.

Program personalities included John Hewett, pastor of First Church, Asheville, N.C., and moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Jimmy Allen, president of Faith and Family Ministries in Fort Worth, and a former SBC president.

The Fellowship's function is not to give birth to a new denomination but to preserve endangered Baptist distinctives, Hewett said.

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